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Representative David Brock Smith's Statement on the Passing of His Friend & Colleague, Representative Gary Leif

SALEM, ORE. – State Representative David Brock Smith (R, Port Orford) released the following statement upon receiving the news that his friend and colleague passed away this morning.

“It is difficult to express the profound sadness of the loss of my colleague, my friend and a tremendous lifelong dedicated member to public service in southwest Oregon, Representative Gary Leif.

Gary and I had the privilege to serve our respective counties together as County Commissioners before serving together in the legislature for the two House Districts that represent Senate District 01. Gary's vast knowledge from his prior years of public service, coupled with his commitment to his communities and their residents brought so much to the legislative process. He was a stalwart advocate for CASA, our youth and residents. His upbeat personality and humor was infectious, making the long days in the legislature that much better.

The only thing Gary was more dedicated to; other than his communities and their residents, was to his wife and family. Love and prayers to Gary's beloved wife Carol and their family. To them and my dear friend Gary, “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.””

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