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Oregon House Honors McKinley Elementary *School celebrates 100th anniversary of academic excellence*

SALEM – Today Rep. Brian Clem (D-Salem) carried House Concurrent Resolution 13 on the House floor. The resolution honors McKinley Elementary School in Salem for its 100th year of operation. The school is named after our 25th United States President, William McKinley, and was completed in 1915.

“Today is a great day here at the Capitol. We often get to honor distinguished persons or deserved institutions, and now we get to honor McKinley Elementary. For a school to hit their 100th anniversary is an amazing milestone, and I’m proud that we were able to work with students at the school in crafting this bill.” said Rep. Clem.

McKinley Elementary has enrolled thousands of students over the years, including during a brief time that it was junior high school. It even served as a community hospital during the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919.

“Our 100th year has been a great one for students and faculty here at McKinley, and celebrating with the Legislature has been an exciting experience. Rep. Clem worked closely with McKinley students and parents to write this important resolution, and has helped us use it as a tool to teach them about our local government here in Salem,” said Annie Morton, Principal at McKinley Elementary.

“My family has lived down the street from McKinley for years. My wife and I were excited when the day finally arrived that we could send our daughter Kohana there. It’s a great feeling to have your child attend such an anchor of our neighborhood and community. As adults, a large part of our foundation is created during that time when you first start attending school. I’m proud that my daughter will grow up within those walls.” said Rep. Clem.

The resolution passed the Oregon House unanimously, and now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Below is a link to the House Rules Committee where the bill had a public hearing on March 6, 2015.

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