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## Oregon Remembers Senator Mark O. Hatfield

On September 24, hundreds of people gathered for the memorial service for Senator Mark O. Hatfield at the Oregon State Capitol. The service was held in the House Chamber where Senator Hatfield began his political career in 1950. Hatfield died on August 7 at the age of 89 after being in ill health for several years. Overflow seating and closed circuit broadcasts were necessary to accommodate the large number of people who came to pay respects to one of Oregon's most admired and beloved statesmen. In attendance were Oregon's four living former governors and many other former and current elected officials.

It was a beautiful, poignant and stately memorial service—one befitting a man of such distinction and integrity like Senator Hatfield. The House Chamber desk formerly occupied by Hatfield bore his original nameplate. The darkened Senate Chamber spotlighted Hatfield's former desk (1954-56), which was adorned with five roses, symbolizing each of the public offices he held.

During the service, speakers could have focused on Hatfield's illustrious career and extensive achievements. He held a powerful position in the U.S. Senate (twice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations) and was able to direct significant funds to Oregon. Hatfield has more than 100 honorary doctorate degrees and has authored several

books, including his 2001 memoir, "Against the Grain." No one listed the many institutions and buildings that have been named in his honor. Instead, speakers mostly reflected on Hatfield's personal qualities—the characteristics and values that made him a "step above" other leaders.

Governor John Kitzhaber spoke about the lasting imprints Hatfield made across the state of Oregon and how his courageous and principled opposition to the Vietnam War inspired his own belief in the political system.



Kitzhaber also read a letter from Bill Clinton, who was president when Hatfield retired from the Senate in 1996. Former staffers Tom Imeson and Sue Hildick referred to themselves as students and Hatfield as one of their greatest teachers. Gerry

Frank, also former staffer as well as longtime friend, said that although Hatfield certainly deserved to be put on a "higher platform as a super-human person, it's not the way he would want it. He was a very down-to-earth, regular guy."

Mark "Marko" Hatfield Jr. paid tribute by recounting his father's "quiet courage" in standing by his principles and always treating people with civility and respect. He added some levity by recalling the main advice his father had given him, "Don't ride

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## Mark O. Hatfield (continued)

motorcycles, don't get a tattoo and don't get into politics." Mark Jr. then confessed that he'd failed on all three counts. Father Mike Maslowsky, Catholic priest and friend of Hatfield, honored Hatfield by saying he was a politician who "valued his personal conscience more than he did his political success."

The service was punctuated by stirring music, including an opening performance of "America the Beautiful" by Katie Harman Ebner, former Miss America 2002. Julianne Johnson-Weiss sang "Amazing Grace" reminding us of Hatfield's faith and compassion toward fellow man. The Oregon National Guard band played the Navy Hymn and the Salem Professional Firefighters Pipes & Drums closed the service. The National Guard full color guard presented Hatfield's widow, Antoinette Hatfield, with an American flag.

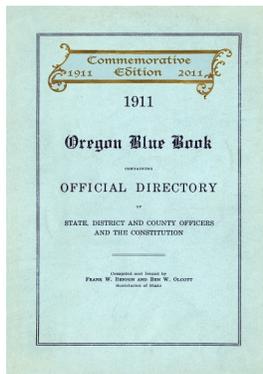
Following the service, people gathered in the Capitol Galleria to offer personal condolences to Mrs. Hatfield and family. In memory of Hatfield's simple pleasures (he was a huge fan of Dairy Queen Dilly Bars), peanut butter sandwiches and mini cupcakes were served at the reception... a reminder that as great a man as Hatfield was, he would prefer to be remembered as a public servant and "regular guy." ■

### OREGON BLUE BOOK CELEBRATES MILESTONE

The *Oregon Blue Book* is turning 100! In celebration of this milestone, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office will offer a limited edition commemorative reprint of the original 1911 *Oregon Blue Book*.

The first *Oregon Blue Book* provides a window into life in Oregon a century

ago. Dozens of vintage images illustrate the state. These include scenes of Crater Lake, Portland Harbor, Mt. Hood, the Columbia Gorge, and other sights. Many images depict the bounty of Oregon's agriculture and timber industries while others tout the state's hunting and fishing opportunities.



Along with the images, the 1911 *Oregon Blue Book* is filled with descriptions of the beauty and resources of the state in language that is both quaint and evocative. For example:

"High above the clouds towers snow-capped Mount Hood, magnificent in its supreme eminence and in its beauty and ruggedness." The book reports on every aspect of Oregon's economy and society a century ago. Thus, the reader will find descriptions of 1911 transportation, agriculture, livestock, fishing, dairy, education, labor, and taxation conditions, among others.

A limited number of these 133-page commemorative edition 1911 *Oregon Blue Books* are being printed and final prices have not been set but will be around \$10 for the commemorative edition alone or around \$25 for a package of the commemorative edition with the new 2011-2012 *Oregon Blue Book*. Both will be released in March 2011. For more information go to: <http://bluebook.state.or.us/misc/news/1911.htm>.

For advance ordering information and the opportunity to reserve copies, call 503-378-5199 or email [blue-book.changes@state.or.us](mailto:blue-book.changes@state.or.us). ■

(Article provided by Julie Yamaka, Archives Division, Office of the Secretary of State.)

### CAPITOL HISTORY CENTER PLANS TAKING SHAPE

Beginning in August, The Canoe Group, a Portland based consulting firm, has been working with a subcommittee of the Foundation to develop a strategic plan for the establishment of a Capitol History Center, including developing a work plan, designing the research and communication plan, identifying stakeholders and potential partners, and outlining the essential questions that must be addressed through the process.

The project is currently entering Phase II (Research & Community Engagement). From now through January 1, The Canoe Group will be interviewing identified stakeholders through a series of face-to-face interviews, focus group discussions and electronic and onsite surveys.

If you have or comments and/or questions regarding the project, please contact Juliene at 503-986-1384. For future Capitol History Center updates via email, please send request to: [captol.foundation@state.or.us](mailto:captol.foundation@state.or.us).



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Every Pacific Wonderland license plate sale puts us further down the road to establishment of a Capitol History Center. With nearly 11,000 plates sold, over \$350,000 has been generated for this project. The license plate sales also help support the Oregon Historical Society. Order yours today at any local DMV office or on-line at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/). ■

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## **In Memoriam**

### ***C.T. "Cub" Houck***

Former Oregon Senator Cub Houck passed away on September 4, 2011, at the age of 81. Houck attended Salem schools and Oregon State University, graduating in 1952. He was vice president of his father's firm, Roy L. Houck & Sons Construction Co., one of Oregon's big road builders during the interstate-highway era. Houck eventually became president of Houck-Carrow Co. and branched out into demolition jobs. He was elected to the Salem City Council and then the Salem-Keizer School Board, later serving as chairman. In 1979, Houck was named to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission but resigned to run for the Legislature. He won the Senate seat vacated by Democrat Keith Burbidge in 1982 and served until 1991. When Tony Meeker was appointed state treasurer, Houck succeeded him as Senate Republican leader. In 1989, the Ethics Commission received a complaint that Houck had used inmate labor on one of his company's jobs. He suffered a mild stroke in January 1990 and later decided not to seek re-election. The Ethics Commission dropped complaint proceedings a day after he left the Senate. He was named First Citizen by the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, and Houck Middle School was dedicated in 1995. He is survived by his wife Kathleen; children Ron, Don and Darah; their families; and brother James. ■

### ***George W. Starr***

George W. Starr, former State Representative (1975-80), passed way on October 25, 2011. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, but spent most of his growing up years in Seattle, Washington. His family later moved to Portland, where he graduated from Grant High School. Starr worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 39 years. During this time, he served three terms in the Oregon House of Representatives. After his retirement, Starr continued to be politically active and involved with various charities. He is survived by his wife Irene; daughters Jean Robins and Kimberly Losik; four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. ■













