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Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence Sworn In *Lawrence Spence represents House District 36*

SALEM, Ore. – Rep. Akasha Lawrence Spence (D-Portland) was sworn in today as the representative for Oregon House District 36 which covers portions of Northwest and Southwest Portland. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Adrienne Nelson administered the oath of office on the floor of the Oregon House of Representatives.

“...there is no greater purpose in life than to live in service to others, so today, I want to thank you all for trusting me with the privilege of serving you, our community, our district, our county, and our state,” Rep. Lawrence Spence said.

Rep. Lawrence Spence is a small business owner of a conscientious urban development firm and was most recently a member of the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission. She also founded Melanated, a women of color organization focused on civic engagement, financial empowerment, and community stewardship.

House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner lauded Lawrence Spence’s experience and welcomed her to the Oregon House and House Democratic Caucus.

“We’re thrilled to have Rep. Lawrence Spence joining the Oregon Legislature and the House Democratic Caucus,” said Smith Warner. “Her experience, drive, and passion will add tremendously to this chamber and will serve her constituents well. I look forward to serving with her over the next year to bring positive changes to the state.”

Rep. Lawrence Spence will serve as a member of the House Committee on Judiciary and the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety.

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