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Rep. Jeff Barker Announces Plans to Retire in 2020

Barker has served in the Oregon House since 2002

SALEM – Rep. Jeff Barker (D-Aloha), the longest currently-serving member of the House Democratic caucus, announced on Saturday that he will not be seeking re-election in 2020.

"After 18 years in the Oregon House, 31 years in Oregon law enforcement, and three years in the United States Marine Corps, I've decided to end my career in public service," Barker said.

Elected to the Oregon House of Representatives in 2002, Barker has served as Chair of the Committees on Judiciary, Business and Labor, and Veterans. He is proud of the bipartisan record of accomplishments achieved during his tenure.

"Oregon's schools are better funded, more Oregonians have access to affordable health care, and a woman's right to choose is more secure in our state than when I arrived," Barker added. "I am very grateful to the people of House District 28 for honoring me with the opportunity to represent them in Salem for all of these years. I'll miss it, and many of my colleagues, but it's time for me to move on and give someone else a chance to serve our great state."

House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) lauded Barker's lifetime of service.

"Jeff Barker's distinguished record of public service, long list of legislative accomplishments and commitment to fighting for the underdog have built a better Oregon for everyone," Smith Warner said. "I can say confidently that his knowledge, experience and good nature will be missed by both our caucus and the entire legislature. I wish Jeff and Vicki the long and happy retirement they deserve."

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