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Statement from House Republican Leader Carl Wilson on the appointment of Rep. Mike McLane as a circuit court judge

SALEM, Oregon – House Republican Leader Carl Wilson (R- Grants Pass) today issued the following statement on the appointment of Rep. Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte) as a circuit court judge:

“We congratulate our long-time colleague Rep. Mike McLane on his appointment as a circuit court judge. We appreciate the leadership Mike demonstrated in the Oregon Legislature, as caucus leader, and representing the people of House District 55. His boundless energy, intellect, candor, and political acumen have benefitted everyone working in the Capitol. Both as a caucus leader, and mentor, Mike has improved the effectiveness of legislators on both sides of the aisle. His stirring and incisive speeches on significant issues of floor debate will be missed. However, we know his intelligence and integrity will serve him well in his new role on the bench.”

Rep. McLane was first elected to the House in 2010 and named Republican Leader in 2012. After clerking for Justice Michael Gillette at the Oregon Supreme Court, Mike practiced law at Oregon’s largest law firm, Stoel Rives LLP. He co-founded Lynch, Conger McLane LLP in 2016. He served as a circuit court judge *pro tem* in Deschutes County and later became Judge Advocate General for the Oregon Air National Guard where he is a Lt. Colonel.

He co-founded a publishing company that produced children's books, including one that inspired the CBS Saturday morning cartoon show “Flying Rhino Junior High.” Mike also co-authored “Wooden Teeth and Jelly Beans,” a children’s book on U.S. history and the presidents. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and graduated magna cum laude from Lewis & Clark Law School.

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