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## **REPRESENTATIVE CARL WILSON**

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### **Oregon broadcasters recognize State Rep. Carl Wilson with Tom McCall Award**

**SALEM, Ore** – The Oregon Association of Broadcasters (OAB) has named State Representative Carl Wilson as the recipient of its 2019 Tom McCall Leadership Award. Wilson is the owner of the Grants Pass Broadcasting Corporation and six-term legislator from Grants Pass, Ore.

Wilson will be presented the honor at OAB's annual awards banquet to be held Thursday, Feb. 13 at the Grand Hotel in Salem.

Carl Wilson was literally "raised on radio. His earliest memories are of watching his father Jim pull an air shift at KLAD-AM in Klamath Falls, which was situated in a farm house south of town. The Wilsons had just moved to Oregon from Hayes, Kansas. In 1957, they moved to Grants Pass where Jim founded KAJO-AM. Carl began working at the station at age 12, answering phones Saturday mornings. By 15, he had moved to working on-air.

Wilson joined the US Navy after graduating from Grants Pass High School. After his hitch in the Navy, he returned to Grants Pass and learned the fine art of advertising sales and coupled that with a daily announcing shift. By the 1980s, Carl had moved to station manager and helped the company add KLDR-FM in 1991.

Wilson began his career in politics in 1998 serving as State Representative for Grants Pass and Josephine County.

The Tom McCall Leadership Award is presented by the Oregon Association of Broadcasters to honor an individual or group of individuals who has distinguished themselves in service to the state and the/or the nation. Past recipients include author Gerry Frank, Phil Knight, U.S. Senator Gordon Smith, U.S. Congressman Greg Walden, Governor Vic Atiyeh and State Representative John Huffman. (*Note: The Tom McCall award was not presented in 1990, 2015 and 2016.*)

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