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## **Oregon Legislative Veterans Caucus Mourns the Passing of Senator Aaron Woods (D-Wilsonville)**

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his role in the Capitol*

**Salem, OR** — The Oregon Legislative Veterans Caucus is among the mourners remembering Senator Aaron Woods, a dedicated father, proud veteran, and tireless public servant. Senator Woods was honored in a series of tributes on the Oregon Senate floor today, after his passing Saturday.

Senator Woods served honorably in the United States Army for more than six years as a Specialist 6 (equal to Staff Sergeant) in Strategic Communications (STRATCOM), where he managed secure digital computer systems in Germany and served on special assignment in Southeast Asia. His military service laid the foundation for a lifetime of leadership rooted in integrity, discipline, and duty.

After his honorable discharge, Senator Woods built a distinguished career in the technology sector, including 24 years as a senior executive at Xerox. In retirement, he continued serving the public through various volunteer roles on the Wilsonville Planning Commission, Wilsonville Development Review Board, and Clackamas Community College Board.

Elected in 2022 to represent Oregon Senate District 13, Senator Woods brought his military experience, business acumen, and a strong sense of service to the Capitol. As a member of the Senate Committee on Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs, and the Oregon Legislative Veterans Caucus, he was a leading voice for veterans' access to housing, education, and workforce opportunities.

“Senator Aaron Woods was a man of quiet strength and deep conviction,” said **Senator James I Manning Jr** (D-Eugene), Senate President Pro Tempore. “His sacrifices, both in uniform and in public service, have made all of us better people. His legacy will continue to guide us.”

“He carried the values of the military with him in everything he did, championing policies that uplifted veterans, students, and working families,” said **Representative Thủy Trần** (D-Portland), Veterans Caucus Co-Chair.

Senator Woods is pre-deceased by his wife Shirley and survived by their five children. His legacy of service and commitment will continue to inspire generations of Oregonians.

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