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Riley couple honored with prestigious Neuberger Award

Sen. Chuck Riley, wife Katie Riley earn award from Washington County Democrats

HILLSBORO – Sen. Chuck Riley, D-Hillsboro, and his wife Katie Riley were honored for their contributions to the citizens of Washington County during the Washington County Democrats' Neuberger Banquet on Saturday.

The Neuberger Award – named in honor of the first female Oregon senator, Maurine Neuberger – was presented to the Rileys by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum.

“This was a complete surprise,” Sen. Riley said. “Katie and I are just happy to be able to work for our community.”

Sen. Riley – a United States Air Force veteran and retired small business owner – was elected to represent Senate District 15 in 2014. As a legislator, he has focused on stabilizing funding for Oregon schools, supporting small businesses and enhancing government accountability.

Katie Riley has committed a major part of her life to serving the community, especially its youth. As chair of the Washington County Commission on Children and Families, she worked with school districts and public agencies to create funding for after-school programs that keep kids safe and active. She currently is the chair of the non-profit Washington County Kids, an organization dedicated to funding early childhood, after school and summer programs for children and youth.

“When kids get support outside of school, they are more likely to succeed in school and become contributing members of our community,” Katie Riley said. “It is an honor to have this important goal be recognized.”

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