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Senate dedicates Floor session to commemorate Bates

SALEM, Ore.-According to Senate President Peter Courtney, "In an extraordinary move, Senate Democrats and Republicans made procedural moves to dedicate the entire Floor session to honor late state Sen. Alan Bates, D-Medford."

[Senate Concurrent Resolution 7](#) commemorated Bates for his service to the state of Oregon.

Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli released the following statement following the unanimous approval of the resolution:

"One of those moments in the Senate in which I wish we could catch time in a bottle, because for the past hour we've been family--Doc Bates had that impact on people. The basic humanity of Doc Bates transcends mere politics--and I hope that in some future hour, or in many of our hours together, we'll be able to revisit this moment, transcend our differences and invoke the spirit of Doc Bates."

Ashland state Sen. Alan DeBoer added:

"It is an honor and privilege to follow Sen./Dr. Bates. I will do my best to continue his legacy in the state. He was a fellow Rotarian and a good friend and neighbor."

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