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### **Champion Coastal Redwood Tree Clone Gifted by Rep. David Brock Smith to be Planted on State Capitol Grounds**

*Tree is exact genetic duplicate of the largest and oldest Champion Coast Redwood tree in the world*

SALEM – The Champion Coastal Redwood Tree gifted by Rep. David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department will be planted on the State Capitol grounds in a special ceremony on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am. The tree’s permanent home will be on the south side of the Walk of Flags.

Rep. David Brock Smith presented the tree to Lisa Sumption, the Director of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department on April 19<sup>th</sup> as a gift on behalf of the non-profit Archangel Ancient Tree Archive and the Port Orford Rotary. The tree is an exact genetic duplicate of the Fieldbrook Coast Redwood Tree - a giant cut down over 100 years ago whose trunk was 32.5 feet in diameter and would have surpassed the General Sherman Sequoia as the largest tree on Earth.

Just a week prior, Rep. David Brock Smith, along with Senator Kruse (R-Roseburg), gave a tree to every member’s district in the House, Senate and the offices of the Chief Clerk, the Secretary of the Senate, Oregon Secretary of State, Oregon Treasurer, Oregon Attorney General and the Governor. “Everyone was encouraged to partner with organizations in their communities to find a viable location where these treasures can be enjoyed by all Oregonians,” said Rep. David Brock Smith.

“I have been involved with the work of Archangel Ancient Tree Archive for a number of years and appreciate their efforts in preserving these magnificent species in Oregon. It is an honor to share this work and these incredible young giants with my colleagues in the State Legislature and the people of Oregon”, said Rep. David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford).

Archangel Ancient Tree Archive has used funds donated from hundreds of private individuals to finance champion coast redwood tree production for plantings to further preserve the genetics of the largest and oldest living organisms on earth.

Rep. Brock Smith represents House District 1, which includes Coos, Curry, Douglas and Josephine counties. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Rep. David Brock Smith’s office are available on the web at: [www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd).