

Independent Leadership . . . Quiet Courage Rare Combination

excerpts from letters to Mary

October 15, 1982
William B. Boyd, Former President
University of Oregon
President, the Johnson Foundation

"I am writing to wish you well in your election race. I do that because I care about you, but most particularly because I care about education and the University of Oregon, both of which have been well served by your thoughtful representation in the legislature. Your defeat would be a great loss for the University at a time when it needs victories, needs friends, if quality is to be preserved in the wake of the fiscal losses already sustained."

"I endorse your candidacy with enthusiasm and with appreciation for your excellent representation of the interests of the University of Oregon."

July 2, 1973
Tom McCall
Former Governor of Oregon

"Just a wee squib to observe on the sagacity reflected by the pattern of your votes this session. If we agreed on every one of them, we would be rubber-stamping each other — and that would never do for a courageous and independent freshman with a promising career off to an admirable start.

But the votes on which we might have differed were few and had merit on both sides while the majority we saw eye-to-eye on represented sound progressive legislation — period.

I can't think of any new lawmaker here in my 24 years at the Capitol who impressed me so deeply."

Neil Goldsmidt, February 1979
Former Secretary of Transportation,
and Past Mayor of Portland

"For all you are, and all you do, due respect and gratitude of Portlanders is owed you. You've helped to keep Portland "beautiful" — and there are fellows in this labor who will always remember gratefully your work. Thank you friend."

March 8, 1982
Marvin J. Friesen, former Pastor
Emerald Baptist Church

"Thanks so much for giving us reason to believe there are still people in the legislative process who think and act on principles rather than party lines and 'how to stay in office by never taking a stand on anything significant' methodologies. Thanks for having courage and guts in a situation where the Rs and Ds put on a lousy show of sensitivity by spending a bundle to enlarge the deficit they were supposed to diminish.

Keep calling them as you see them. In the words of that famous American, 'Damn the Rs and Ds, full speed ahead.' I don't know why you want to go back to Salem, but there's no doubt they need you and some more like you."

March 7, 1982
Robert D. Clark
Former President
University of Oregon

"Cheers to you. You acted nobly in a manner that brought credit to your constituents and to the people of Oregon. We hope that you continue in the Legislature for many years."

August 6, 1981
Derrick A. Bell
School of Law
University of Oregon

"In many ways, the legislative session was a disaster for legislative government. Your performance, though, was a great victory for you and for those of us who continue to believe that personal integrity can lead to a better life on earth as well as a guaranteed place in heaven."

August 3, 1981
Gary M. Carlson
Associated Oregon Industries

"I feel much better about the future of our state and its economy now than I did a few months ago. A few achievements toward a better business climate were achieved and we avoided a great deal of very damaging legislation."

August 27, 1981
L. Frank Setniker, President
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

"The 1981 Legislative Session was indeed a difficult session with many hard choices to make. Because of your dedication and service, agriculture will continue to be an asset to the economy of our great state."

August 19, 1981
Phyllis Luby, General Manager
Lane Transit District

"Mary, thank you for your support this session. The legislation affecting transit was important to us. Especially significant were the direct funding measures.

I know it was a hard, long, frustrating session for you, but, Mary, we're pleased that you were there."

March 8, 1982
Russell J. Donnelly
Department of Physics
University of Oregon

"... prompts me to say what should have been said long ago: Your public service sets a standard of wisdom and excellence few will be able to equal. I am most grateful to you."

August 6, 1981
James M. Moss
Business Manager-Financial Secretary
Plumbers Union No. 51
Portland

"We are pleased with the bill (to retain the plumbers licensing law) and you can be proud of voting for a most worthwhile piece of legislation which protects the health and safety of the people in Oregon, while at the same time, is self supportive and not an additional burden to the tax payers."

March 16, 1982
R. W. Sims

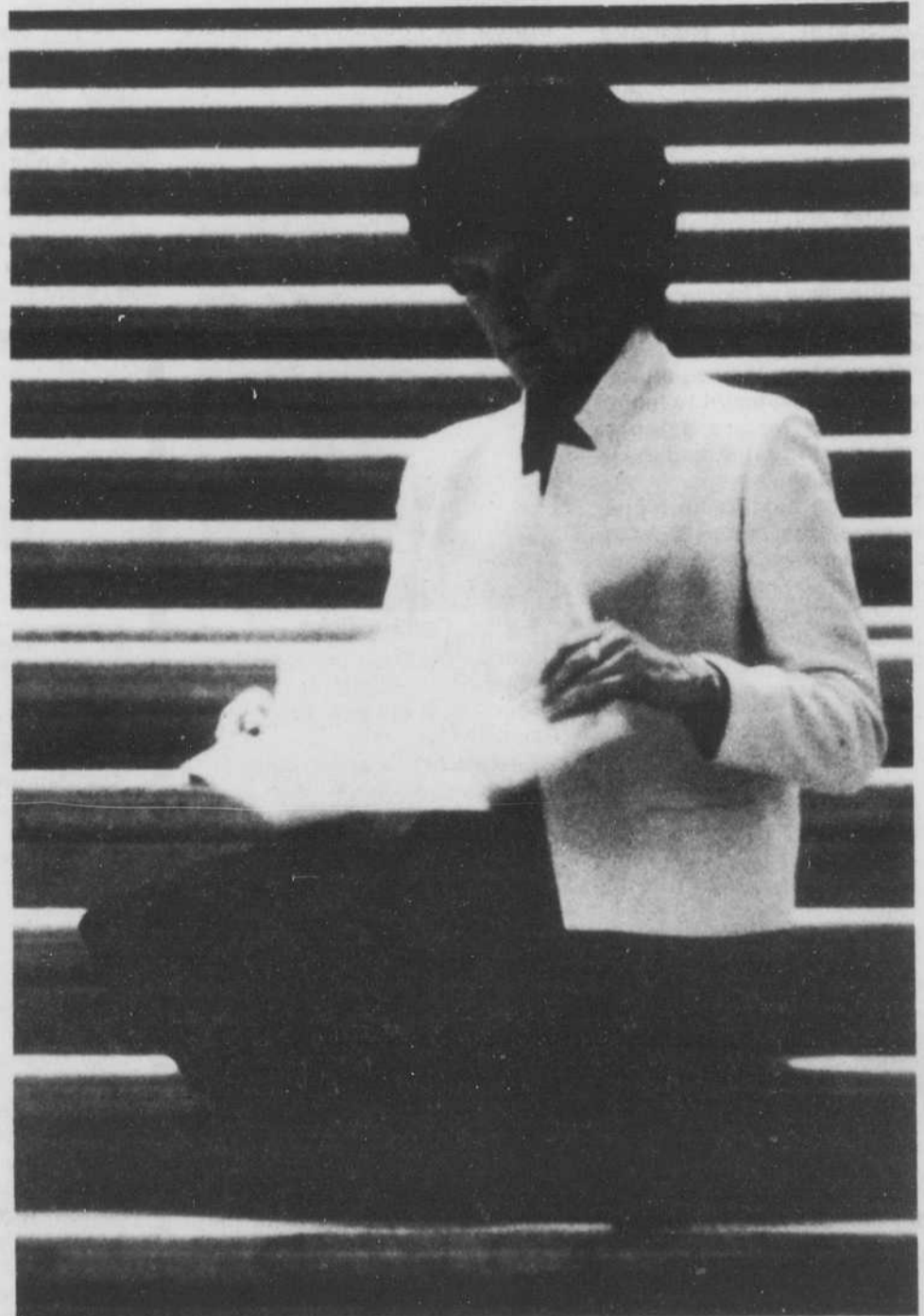
"While I'm frequently at opposite poles with the district you represent, I'm certainly impressed with how you do it. If more legislators would approach the task as you do, the state of Oregon would be in better shape at any time than we are now."

March 1982
Amy Rich

"I appreciate your efforts to hold down cuts in social spending. I can understand the dilemma of balancing the needs of constituents, conscience, and colleagues. I hope you continue to vote the way you believe, regardless of pressure. Actually, I can tell that you will, because I think you are that type of person."

July 31, 1981
Stan Biles
General Administrator's Office
Lane County

"Considering the heated partisan circumstances surrounding today's vote . . . your support reflects a genuine commitment to Lane County Government . . . carries with it the most far reaching progressive package of judicial reform in the state's history. Your vote is evidence of a commitment to Judicial quality and efficiency that transcends political affiliations."



Thomas D. Norris, PSU, President, August '81
Barry N. Siegel, UR, Vice-President
Laurel Maughan, OSU, Secretary-Treasurer
Oregon Federation American Association of
University Professors

"We are well aware of the political and economic pressures that were brought to bear on you, and we appreciate your steadfastness in recognizing, and in trying to prevent, the potential descent of higher education in Oregon to mediocrity."

September 10, 1981
F. Gordon Cottrell
Presiding Circuit Judge
Circuit Court of Oregon, Eugene

"I want to personally thank you for all you did for us in this last session of the legislature, not only for Lane County but for the judicial branch as a whole.

I much appreciate your stamping out the time in your busy schedule to see us whenever we requested audience."

August 12, 1981
F. L. Figg
Governmental Affairs
Manager — Oregon
General Telephone Company of the Northwest, Inc.

"Whichever the case, there were occasions when our position, in support or opposition, needed to be communicated to you. As busy as your schedule was, you found the time to permit me to express our opinions."

August 11, 1981
Forrest N. Rieke, Member
Board of Education
Portland Public Schools

"Your support of quality education in Oregon is deeply appreciated by many, but I want you to know that my mother would have been proud of you, my father would have been proud of you, and I am proud of you — and I thank you.

You are a special lady. I know that long session was a killer. Greetings to all — and again, thanks for the Statespersonship."

June 1982
Pam Brown presenting the Mary Reike Award
Oregon Women's Political Caucus

"As a lobbyist last session I had many opportunities to observe Rep. Mary McCauley Burrows in committees and involved in debates on the Floor of the House. Something that becomes rapidly apparent to the political observer is that Mary is enormously respected by her peers and therefore is a very effective legislator. I have seen her grow frustrated with the debate that was occurring on bills in the House — jot down notes — and rise to speak so eloquently as to turn the tide of sentiment on the bills."

June 15, 1982
Nominations for the
Lisl Waechter Award
Lane Association for
Retarded Citizens

"From parents, professionals and board members, we get an idea of Mary's impact: 'A real fighter; selfless; reachable, touchable, caring; an outstanding advocate on behalf of handicapped citizens; 'Our first line of defense; 'woman of principle and compassion; 'available to meet with . . . and explain; 'demonstrates integrity and a strong conscience; 'magnifying the results; 'guiding light.' Clearly, in their eyes, Mary McCauley Burrows has made a difference."



MARY McCAULEY BURROWS

State
Representative
District 41

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