

Governor thanks Gene LaBonte

By Ron Karten

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Tribal Elder Gene LaBonte recently received a letter of thanks from Gov. John Kitzhaber for his service as a member of the Governor's Veterans' Advisory Committee, which he served for four years, one as chair of the committee in 2009-10.

During that time, LaBonte said, "I helped become a liaison for Native Americans to the Veterans Association. That's the biggest thing and I'm very proud of that.

"But it's all about the veterans," he added. "I felt very



Gene LaBonte

honored to be on that committee, and thanks to all those that backed me up. They were wonderful people." ■

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