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James C. Richards Award Presented to Fossil Councilor Carol MacInnes

EUGENE, Ore. – The prestigious James C. Richards Award was presented Friday evening to Fossil City Councilor Carol MacInnes during the League of Oregon Cities' 98th Annual Conference. The award is given to an elected city official who serves the citizens of Oregon through an exceptional personal investment in intergovernmental affairs.

For more than 30 years, Councilor MacInnes has selflessly served the residents of Wheeler County, with particular attention to her beloved city of Fossil. Over the last three decades, Councilor MacInnes has served as mayor of Fossil, a victim advocate for Wheeler County, a member and chair of the Fossil School Board, and a member of the Wheeler County Special Transportation Committee.

As a leader in Fossil, she has led numerous successful projects, including:

- Upgrading the city's water and sewer systems;
- Developing a program for the school system, preventing the school from closing and ensuring its long-term fiscal health;
- Implementing a transportation system in Wheeler County; and
- Opening a health clinic in Wheeler County.

Beyond Fossil and Wheeler County, Councilor MacInnes's commitment to public service includes the boards of the Oregon Mayors Association and the League of Oregon Cities, on the OMA's Homelessness Task Force, and the LOC's DEI Committee, Women's Caucus and People of Color Caucus. In these roles, she not only serves her state, but also ensures that the voices of rural and frontier Oregon are represented and respected when policy decisions are made.

About the James C. Richards Memorial Award

James C. Richards was a city councilor for Bay City and was the administrative officer for Tillamook County. His many years of involvement in intergovernmental affairs serve as a model for others and is the standard by which nominees are evaluated.

About the League of Oregon Cities

Founded in 1925, the LOC is a voluntary association representing all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities. The League helps city governments serve their citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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