



## Senator Bruce Starr

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### **Senator Bruce Starr Works to Name PDX Airport International Terminal After Former Governor Atiyeh**

*- Governor Atiyeh should be recognized for accomplishments -*

**Salem, OR** - State Senator Bruce Starr's (R-Hillsboro) effort to name the international terminal at Portland International Airport after former Governor Vic Atiyeh took an important step Friday as the Oregon State Senate passed SJR 24 with a unanimous vote.

“Governor Atiyeh proved to be one of the greatest Governors in Oregon history; he inherited the state's worst economic crisis since the Great Depression,” stated Senator Starr. “He led the state through the crisis with such resolve and grace that he won his second term attracting 61.6 percent of the vote the largest gubernatorial margin in 32 years.”

During Governor Atiyeh's first term in office major new programs in energy and economic development were created, he improved state management productivity, and reformed workers' compensation and welfare. Later, he won legislative repeal of Oregon's unitary-tax formula and launched a worldwide tourism initiative, and opened Oregon's first overseas trade office in Tokyo.

Governor Atiyeh reinstated a state employee suggestion program that saved the Oregon taxpayer hundred of thousands of dollars annually and was described as the “most accessible Governor” by Oregon Department managers.

As Governor Vic Atiyeh even cut his own salary three times to help balance the budget.

Governor Atiyeh has been recognized by many organizations for his accomplishments as Oregon's Governor. He has received the “Oregon Statesman Award” from the Oregon Business Association, received the Department of Planning Public Policy & Management of the University of Oregon's “Distinguished Service to Oregon Award”, and serves as chairman of the Oregon Aviation Hall of Honor.

The resolution still must pass the State House of Representatives.

“It is time that we recognize the incredible good Governor Atiyeh has done for Oregon,” stated Senator Starr. “I appreciate the cooperation of Bill Wyatt and Port of Portland Commission honoring the Atiyeh's contribution by naming a terminal at PDX Airport after the former Governor.”

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