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GOVERNOR MOURNS PASSING OF PETE CENARRUSA – AN IDAHO ORIGINAL

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter issued the following statement today on Sunday's passing of former longtime Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa. He was 95.

"No one could have been a better or more passionate advocate for the Basque people, for fair and transparent elections, or for responsible stewardship of our public lands than Pete Cenarrusa. He was an Idaho original, and I was among many in state government – on both sides of the aisle – who benefited greatly from his advice, counsel and friendship. It's hard to imagine Idaho politics without Pete there. He loved the arena – encouraging public involvement, standing firm on his principles, gently nudging us all toward doing the right thing, and keeping us anchored in reality. Miss Lori and I send his tireless wife Freda and all Pete's family and friends our love, sympathy and prayers."

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