

**Ternyik**

Advocate for
environment

**Artwork**

Legacy recognized
in bronze work

Bust honors protector of coast

Former Florence Mayor Wilbur Ternyik, known for his decades of work to protect the environment that draws thousands to the Oregon coast, will become a tourist attraction in his own right.

Supporters in Florence recently unveiled a bronze bust honoring the conservationist, and it will be on permanent display near Seaside.

Ternyik, 80, is a descendant of Clatsop Indian Chief Coboway who helped Lewis and Clark during their stay at Fort Clatsop.

He's credited with helping launch efforts that led to some of the first land-use protections on the coast, which in turn laid the groundwork for Oregon's statewide land-use planning program, said Onno Husing, director of Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association. Ternyik also is widely regarded for his work in rehabilitating wild birds and animals.

The bust, funded by the private Oregon Philanthropic Bridges Foundation will be installed at the Gateway Discovery Center near Seaside during a presentation May 27.

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