

## Enrolled

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 16

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, DEMBROW, Representatives LEVY, SMITH G; Representatives LEIF, MORGAN, OWENS

Whereas Martin Davis “Marty” Myers was a fifth-generation Oregonian who was born to Kenneth and Betty Myers on September 28, 1952, and he was raised in McMinnville, Oregon; and

Whereas Marty Myers’ family roots were in ranching in North Powder, Oregon; and

Whereas Marty Myers attended McMinnville High School and was a proud Oregon State University graduate; and

Whereas Marty Myers was a dedicated family man and with his wife, Anne Myers, he raised four sons, Jason, Casey, Nick and Eric, and he was a proud grandfather to Jordan, Jackson, Kai, Makinley and Evan, a loving brother to Carol and Scott and an uncle to many loving nieces and nephews; and

Whereas Marty Myers began working for R.D. Offutt Company in 1994 as a business development manager focused on agribusiness in the western United States; and

Whereas Marty Myers was appointed general manager of Threemile Canyon Farms in 1998, and he was the visionary force behind one of Oregon’s most successful agricultural operations, integrating crop and dairy farming; and

Whereas Marty Myers envisioned and developed Threemile Canyon Farms into a sustainable farming operation well ahead of the times, creating a closed-loop system in which nothing is wasted; and

Whereas Marty Myers had a vision to generate on-farm renewable energy from wind, solar and natural gas projects and, by implementing these programs, he demonstrated how local actions can help solve global problems; and

Whereas Marty Myers’ leadership and Threemile Canyon Farms’ sustainability efforts were recognized by the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy in 2020 with an Outstanding Dairy Farm Sustainability award; and

Whereas Marty Myers took great pride in the team members at Threemile Canyon Farms, and he created a culture of development that included a successful intern program and other programs that encouraged young people to pursue careers in agriculture because he saw them as the future of farming; and

Whereas Marty Myers was a contributing member of the agriculture industry for more than 20 years, and he was frequently brought into difficult policy discussions due to his farming expertise as well as his keen diplomatic skills; and

Whereas Marty Myers partnered with nonprofit organizations and public agencies to voluntarily preserve 23,000 acres of unique Columbia Basin habitat and protect precious wildlife species; and

Whereas Marty Myers was a visible and committed member of his community in Boardman, Oregon, and greater Morrow County, authorizing donations from Threemile Canyon Farms to the local food bank, providing a staging site for the local fire department and supporting programs for youth interested in agriculture; and

Whereas Marty Myers served on the State Board of Agriculture, the Oregon Potato Commission and the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council; and

Whereas Marty Myers served on the boards of the Oregon Business Association, the Freshwater Trust and Potato Growers of Washington and as the chair of Potatoes USA; and

Whereas Marty Myers was a tireless advocate for organizations like Blanchet House and Oregon Food Bank, and he was passionate about ensuring that everyone had access to healthy, nutritious food; and

Whereas Marty Myers died on December 1, 2020; and

Whereas Marty Myers will be forever remembered as a pioneer of sustainable agriculture, and friends and colleagues often referred to him as innovative, visionary, brilliant, genuine and caring; and

Whereas Marty Myers touched countless lives and left an indelible imprint on his family, Threemile Canyon Farms, R.D. Offutt Company, the agricultural and dairy community, the City of Boardman, Morrow County and the State of Oregon; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and extraordinary accomplishments of Martin Davis “Marty” Myers, and we recognize and honor his contributions to the people of this state and to the agricultural and dairy industries; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution shall be presented to the family of Marty Myers as an expression of our sympathy and condolences.

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Adopted by Senate April 5, 2021

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House June 8, 2021

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House