

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16

Sponsored by Senators HANSELL, DEMBROW, Representatives LEVY, SMITH G

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

In memoriam: Martin Davis "Marty" Myers, 1952-2020.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

5 Whereas Marty Myers attended McMinnville High School and was a proud Oregon State Uni-
6 versity graduate; and

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

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

13 Whereas Marty Myers was appointed general manager of Threemile Canyon Farms in 1998, and
14 he was the visionary force behind one of Oregon's most successful agricultural operations, inte-
15 grating crop and dairy farming; and

16 Whereas Marty Myers envisioned and developed Threemile Canyon Farms into a sustainable
17 farming operation well ahead of the times, creating a closed-loop system in which nothing is wasted;
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19 Whereas Marty Myers had a vision to generate on-farm renewable energy from wind, solar and
20 natural gas projects and, by implementing these programs, he demonstrated how local actions can
21 help solve global problems; and

22 Whereas Marty Myers' leadership and Threemile Canyon Farms' sustainability efforts were re-
23 cognized by the Innovation Center for U.S. Dairy in 2020 with an Outstanding Dairy Farm
24 Sustainability award; and

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

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

32 Whereas Marty Myers partnered with nonprofit organizations and public agencies to voluntarily

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1 preserve 23,000 acres of unique Columbia Basin habitat and protect precious wildlife species; and

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

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

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

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

13 Whereas Marty Myers died on December 1, 2020; and

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

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

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

21 That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, celebrate the life and extraor-
22 dinary accomplishments of Martin Davis “Marty” Myers, and we recognize and honor his contribu-
23 tions to the people of this state and to the agricultural and dairy industries; and be it further

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

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