

March 18, 2021

Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
c/o Senator Lee Beyer, Chair  
900 Court Street NE, Room 453  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Support for SCR 16 – Commemorating Marty Myers**

Dear Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

On Thursday, March 18, the Committee will hear SCR 16, a bill commemorating Marty Myers. Our organizations would like to express support for this resolution and recognize the impact Marty Myers had on the State of Oregon.

Marty was a visionary. Well ahead of the times, Marty proved that sound business practices in the ag industry can lead to positive environmental outcomes. With his team of talented professionals at Threemile, Marty showed how a large farming operation could be sustainable while still meeting the needs of a growing population. In doing so, he built a “closed loop” system where nothing is wasted.

Marty and the farm he led were the embodiment of Oregonian values. In his work and actions, Marty showed his belief in the power of community and recognized that when we work together, we can build something much stronger than when we work alone. He treasured and relied upon his extensive network of relationships. Those relationships include many of us, our organizations, and our members. When rural and urban perspectives appeared to diverge, Marty found opportunities to build bridges.

From his leadership of Threemile Canyon Farms to his service on the state Board of Agriculture to his Board Chairmanship for Potatoes USA, Marty’s legacy runs deep throughout our state and the agricultural industry. Never one to boast, Marty made sure to share Threemile’s successes -- as well as its challenges. And he did so with a civil and open demeanor. As a result, all Oregonians benefit from a more transparent, innovative, and productive agriculture industry.

We are proud to join the co-sponsors in our support of SCR 16. Thank you for considering this worthwhile resolution and we urge your support.

Sincerely,

Oregon Dairy Farmers Association  
Northeast Oregon Water Association  
Port of Morrow  
Morrow County  
Northeast Oregon Water Association  
Cooks Land and Water Consulting  
Madison Ranches, Inc  
Oregon Wheat League

Oregon Farm Bureau  
Oregon Cattlemen’s Association  
Oregon Association of Nurseries  
Fur Commission USA  
Columbia Gorge Fruitgrowers  
Oregon Seed Council