

SCR 16 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Hansell, Sen. Dembrow

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Action Date: 03/18/21
Action: Do adopt.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Dembrow, Findley, Robinson, Taylor
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Honors and celebrates the life and extraordinary accomplishments of Martin Davis “Marty” Myers and recognizes his contribution to the people of this state and to the agricultural and dairy industries.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pioneer of sustainable agriculture
- Started internship and scholarship program
- Investment in the community and state
- Role on boards and commissions
- Created closed-loop system to be productive and sustainable

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Martin Davis “Marty” Myers, a fifth-generation Oregonian, was born to Kenneth and Betty Myers on September 28, 1952. Myers attended McMinnville High School and was a proud Oregon State University graduate. His friends and colleagues often referred to him as innovative, visionary, brilliant, genuine, and caring.

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

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. He began working for R.D. Offutt Company in 1994 as a business development manager and in 1998, he was appointed the general manager of Threemile Canyon Farms. Marty Myers envisioned and developed Threemile Canyon Farms into a sustainable farming operation, well ahead of the times, by creating a closed-loop system in which nothing is wasted. He demonstrated how local actions can help solve global problems by implementing his vision of generating on-farm renewable energy from wind, solar, and natural gas projects. Myers took great pride in the team members at Threemile Canyon Farms and created programs and a culture of development that encouraged young people to pursue careers in agriculture. His 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.

Myers served on the State Board of Agriculture, the Oregon Potato Commission, the Oregon Dairy and Nutrition Council, Oregon Business Association, the Freshwater Trust, Potato Growers of Washington, and as the chair of Potatoes USA.

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Meyers was a visible and committed member of his community in Boardman, Oregon, and greater Morrow County. He was passionate about ensuring that everyone had access to healthy, nutritious food. He authorized donations from Threemile Canyon Farms to the local food bank, provided a staging site for the local fire department, and supported programs for youth interested in agriculture. He was a tireless advocate for organizations like Blanchet House and the Oregon Food Bank. In addition, Myers partnered with nonprofit organizations and public agencies to voluntarily preserve 23,000 acres of unique Columbia Basin habitat and protect precious wildlife species.

Marty Myers passed away on December 1, 2020 and he will forever be remembered as a pioneer of sustainable agriculture. He 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.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 honors and celebrates the life and extraordinary accomplishments of Marty Myers and recognizes his contribution to the people of this state and to the agricultural and dairy industries.