

# State Sen. Pfaff, State Rep. Tauchen: Commemorating the life and legacy of Thomas Lyon

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**(Madison, WI)** — Today, Senator Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) and Representative Gary Tauchen (R-Bonduel) released a joint statement regarding the passing of Tom Lyon, former University of Wisconsin Board of Regents president:

“Tom Lyon was a pioneer of agricultural innovation and market development in the State of Wisconsin and a true champion for rural communities. I am proud to have called him a friend and mentor,” Sen. Pfaff said.

“Tom Lyon was a titan in agriculture, and his impact and influence across the world will surely be missed. He was a family friend that provided me, Brad Pfaff, and countless others help and direction across numerous professions,” Tauchen said.

Sen. Pfaff added, “Throughout his career, Tom was a strong advocate for farmers and the land they cultivate. He used his passion and talents to make sure Wisconsin’s agricultural roots strengthened with the test of time. Tom will be remembered as a stalwart public servant and a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He will be sorely missed.”

“He supported youth development, agriculture, conservation, higher education, and many other causes. His legacy will continue as a model for others to emulate and will be a beacon for examples of leadership and commitment to the greater good of all state residents,” Tauchen said.