

# Sen. Cowles: On the passing of former Gov. Tony Earl

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MADISON- Senator Robert Cowles (R-Green Bay) released the following statement in response to the passing of Tony Earl, the 41<sup>st</sup> Governor of Wisconsin:

“I was saddened to hear that former governor Tony Earl passed away this morning. Governor Earl was a proud and innovative statesman for Wisconsin. His work on conservation efforts have left a lasting legacy for our state and one that I gratefully appreciate. A very important achievement in his career was chairing the commission that signed the Great Lakes Charter in 1985, leading to the first regional water quality management organization for the Great Lakes states and provinces.

“Governor Earl was a class act. Several years ago, when he was already showing signs of illness, he took the time to attend the funeral of my friend, former Senate President Mike Ellis. His commitment to respect, regardless of party, the memory of another public servant, despite being ill himself, was just one of the many ways he demonstrated his good character. But that was just the type of man who Tony Earl was, and why he was admired.

“My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this very difficult time.”