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Sen. Marklein Statement on Passing of former Rep. Ed Brooks

Madison, WI – Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) made the following statement on the death of former State Representative Ed Brooks (R-Reedsburg):

“I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend Ed Brooks. Ed was far more than a legislative colleague. He was my friend and mentor and I will miss him.

Ed and I shared legislative districts and a deep commitment to promoting rural Wisconsin in the legislature. We worked hard together to serve the people of the 50th Assembly District; authoring legislation, working on constituent cases and promoting the needs of our communities. Ed was a tireless advocate who always kept a positive attitude and a heart for service.

Ed was the Chairman of the Town of Reedsburg for 30 years and served in the legislature for 10 years. He was always ready to step up and provide leadership, as well as to participate in fundraising efforts throughout our communities.

It didn't matter what was going on, Ed always had a great sense of humor and brought positivity and levity to every situation. He taught me that a meal is never over until you have dessert, especially ice cream.

My wife Peggy and I offer our deepest sympathies to the Brooks family and the entire community of Reedsburg. I will miss my friend and know that today we lost one of the good ones.”

Marklein represents the 17th Senate District, which includes all or parts Grant, Green, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Sauk and Vernon counties. Marklein serves on the legislature's budget-writing Joint Finance Committee and is Chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Revenue & Financial Institutions.

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