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VanderMeer Statement on Passing of Representative Ed Brooks

Madison – Former State Representative Ed Brooks passed away Tuesday evening, April 23, 2019. Ed was a lifelong dairy farmer who shared his love of farming with everyone he knew. He lived out his passion for the dairy industry by serving and chairing numerous dairy cooperative boards. Representative Brooks started his public service career when he was elected to the Town of Reedsburg’s board and served as the Town Chairman for over 30 years. For 10 years, he enjoyed serving his constituents as their State Representative in the 50th Assembly District.

Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) released the following statement:

“I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my dear friend former State Representative Ed Brooks of the 50th Assembly District. Ed was the kind of friend that made you feel like family, which I believe was the same approach Ed took to his 10 years of public service in the State Assembly. Ed cared. I could see it exemplified in the respect and dignified interaction that he shared with those he worked with and served. Combined with Ed's knowledge in many areas, including agriculture and local government, and his passion for serving others, Ed was a true statesman.

“After Ed retired from the Assembly in January, he wrote a farewell column in the Agri-View newspaper entitled “I’m Proud to be an Ag-gie.” In this article, Ed said, “The heart and soul of what makes Wisconsin and America great is right here in the 50th Assembly District.” He described his district by saying, “There are 57,000 good, caring people in this district.” This is quintessentially what Ed believed, always putting people first in his words and his actions. He was proud of the values on display throughout his district, such as neighbors helping neighbors when times were tough on farmers, or the community supporting kids involved in 4-H.

“Ed inspired the people around him, whether they be friends and neighbors in his district, or those who served with him during his career. I am fortunate to have had Ed as a valued friend and colleague in my life, and I will continue to be inspired by his legacy.”

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The 70th Assembly District includes portions of Monroe, Jackson, Portage and Wood counties.