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**Statement on the Passing of Former State Senator Joe Leean**

**Madison...** Senator Joan Ballweg (R-Markesan) issued the following statement in reaction to the passing of former State Senator for the 14<sup>th</sup> Senate District and Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services, Joe Leean:

"My thoughts and prayers go out to Joe's wife, Ginny, and the rest of the Leean family during this difficult time.

"Joe was a tremendous public servant who represented the 14<sup>th</sup> Senate District honorably for 10 years before becoming the Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services under Governor Tommy Thompson in 1995.

"He left a lasting legacy of dedicated service to Wisconsin, and I am honored to represent the district he called home."

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