

DENNIS MAY

Dennis May was born on August 21, 1947 in rural Kensett, Iowa. May graduated from St. Ansgar High School in 1965 and went on to graduate from North Iowa Community College in 1970. He had been a steward of the land since 1969 when he started farming the family farm. May also owned and operated May Realty in Grafton and was a partner in Cousin's Nursery. He married Sharon in 1990 and gained two step children.

He was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Pheasants Forever, and the Alumni Board for the North Iowa Area Community College, served as a member of the Grafton Housing Board, and Grafton Community Action. He played a very important role in securing the Manly Terminal and Diamond Jo Casino. Several of his colleagues commented that Dennis always sought the common good in every issue. You knew where to draw the line if you disagreed.

When he left the legislature he ran for a seat on the Worth County Board of Supervisors and won in 2002 which he served until his passing. He was instrumental in getting the Top of Iowa Welcome Center established, starting the Vision Iowa Program and the Community Action and Tourism (CAT) Program.

May was a Democrat from Worth County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1986, serving for seven terms. Throughout his time he served on many committees; Agriculture, Natural Resources, Economic Development, Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation, Ways & Means, Energy & Environmental Protection and Natural Resources & Agriculture Appropriations subcommittee.

Representative May passed away on November 15, 2014 at the age of 67.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Dennis May, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

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TODD PRICHARD
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Committee