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MWCC ANNOUNCES DEATH OF ITS CHAIR, CHARLES R. WEAVER, SR.

ST. PAUL, FEBRUARY 20, 1991 -- Charles R. Weaver, Sr., a distinguished public servant for a quarter of a century and Metropolitan Waste Control Commission Chair for the past year, died today, ending his heroic battle with cancer.

"This is an extraordinary loss to his wonderful family, to the State, and to Anoka County, all of which Chuck Weaver loved and served throughout a remarkable life," said Governor Arne Carlson. "He will be sorely missed by everyone who has a stake in good government."

Weaver served four terms in the state House of Representatives (from 1967-75) and served as Assistant House Minority Leader. He was a member of the Metropolitan Council (from 1975-79) and was Metropolitan Council Chair (from 1979-82). After leaving the Metropolitan Council, Weaver remained active in metropolitan government as an attorney and government relations consultant.

As a state legislator, Weaver took part in many of the crucial debates leading to the formation of the Metropolitan Council and the fleshing out of its responsibilities. He was chief author of several major bills, including the landmark metropolitan Fiscal

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Disparities (tax-base sharing) Act, which was unique in the country, and the Metropolitan State University Enabling Law. He also supported numerous measures protecting the environment.

"Charlie Weaver was the architect of visionary legislation and bipartisan, sound public policy," said United States Senator David Durenburger. "He will be missed as a close friend, a fishing and golf nut, and one of the state's great leaders."

Speaking of his father, Weaver's son, State Representative Charles Weaver, Jr., said, "The only things he enjoyed more than public service were his family, good friends, a boat and a fishing rod."

One of Weaver's close friends, George Latimer, Dean of Hamline University Law School, said, "It is given to few people to be both respected and loved. Charlie was one of those persons and we will miss him."

Weaver is survived by his wife, Diane Johnson Weaver and his five children, Charles, Jr., Tom, Andy, Sue and Nancy. Tentative funeral arrangements are: visitation, Sunday, February 23, 4:00 - 8:00 P.M., Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home, 2005 Branch Avenue, Anoka; and Funeral, Monday, February 24, 1:00 P.M., Zion Lutheran Church, 4th and Adams, Anoka.