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Governor Tommy G. Thompson Excited About New Center

(Madison, WI)--Today, former Governor Tommy G. Thompson expressed his strong support and appreciation for the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Thompson said he believes the Center will improve understanding about leadership and bipartisanship.

“I am proud to support the Thompson Center on Public Leadership and believe it can serve as a beacon for nonpartisan leadership-related research,” stated Thompson, who will play an active role with the Center. “I know the Center will be a respected and objective institution dedicated toward improving government and will make Wisconsin proud.”

On Tuesday, Governor Scott Walker, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, Joint Finance Co-Chairs Sen. Alberta Darling and Rep. John Nygren and others gathered to unveil a proposal to create the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership at the UW-Madison. The Center will utilize both the Department of Political Science and La Follette School of Public Affairs, joining forces to guide the Center.

“Bringing world-class scholars together to think about policy and leadership and work toward reforms presents great potential for Wisconsin and the country,” said Thompson. “While today’s challenges differ in some ways from those that we tackled in my time as governor, I believe strongly that a bipartisan collaborative approach remains the most effective way to solve tomorrow’s challenges.”

“When we look across the country, we see polarization everywhere,” he said. “We need to learn how to work together again. And I am convinced that the Center will help us in that endeavor.”

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