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Statement from Arizona Board of Regents Chair Larry Edward Penley Regarding Passing of Rudy Campbell

“Our board is saddened to hear of the passing of former Regent Rudy Campbell and expresses its sincere condolences to his family and friends during this difficult time.

“A dedicated and tireless public servant, Regent Campbell served two terms on the board from 1974-1982 and 1992-2000. He was involved in many major decisions and innovations in public higher education in Arizona, including the creation of Arizona State University’s Research Park and choosing a new University of Arizona president.

“His life story is one of perseverance and hard work from his early days when his family came to Arizona from Oklahoma in 1935 as migrant farm workers. Regent Campbell also knew the power of relationships. Having worked in the banking and insurance fields and having served on numerous boards and commissions for the state, Regent Campbell was always willing to pause and talk. I very much appreciated my time with him.

“Regent Campbell once said that education touches the lives of everyone in Arizona and those words still ring true today. Through his tireless work ethic, Regent Campbell made our universities better places for our students and our state. We appreciate his service and his legacy of honor that will endure in public higher education and throughout Arizona.”

To learn more about the life of former Regent Rudy Campbell, view this [oral history of Regent Campbell's life here](#), compliments of the ASU Library Digital Repository.