

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Hall of Honor Committee
INITIATED BY



Randy Terronez
DRAFTED BY

Education, Veterans & Aging
Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY

May 11, 2011
DATE DRAFTED

**Confirming the Induction of Rob Wilkinson and Eva Arnold
to the Rock County Hall of Honor**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors in March, 1982, did establish a Hall of Honor in the
2 James L. Wells Cultural Center to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the
3 people of Rock County; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the Hall of Honor Committee annually selects persons for induction into the Hall of Honor;
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Committee has met and selected Rob Wilkinson and Eva Arnold as the 2011 Hall of
9 Honor Inductees, based on their years of service to the people of Rock County.
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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
12 this 26th day of May, 2011 that the nomination of Rob Wilkinson and Eva Arnold as
13 the 2011 Hall of Honor Inductees be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Education, Veterans & Aging Services Committee

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ROB WILKINSON

Since 2003, Mr. Wilkinson has been volunteering for United Way's First Call, the community's information and referral service.

Mr. Wilkinson also has been involved in the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (since 2003), ECHO Food Pantry, delivering food to the Janesville Senior Center and the Gathering Place in Milton, staffed the AARP booth at the Senior Fairs in Beloit, Evansville and Janesville, served on the AARP State Coordinating Council, Rock County Council on Aging, Rock County Community Partnership for Older Adults, Rock County Senior Fair Committee, and Board member of the Greater Wisconsin Area Agency on Aging Resources Board and Advocacy Team.

During the summer months, Mr. Wilkinson volunteers at the Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at Palmer Park.

Other past and present involvement includes: Labor Fest Committee (Since 1990), American Red Cross, State of Wisconsin - Rock County - Stateline Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters, Rock County Diversity Action Team, DRIVEN and Citizens Bettering a Community (two advocacy groups), and Homelessness Intervention Task Force Board.

Mr. Wilkinson was also a member of the Janesville School System Communications Network, member of the Wisconsin Women Equals Prosperity, Beloit Chapter NAACP Board, Caregivers Conference Committee and the Martin Luther King Commemorative Events.

Mr. Wilkinson is a retired City of Janesville Police Officer and past member of the Janesville Professional Police Association and Wisconsin Professional Police Association Board of Directors. His involvement with the law enforcement organizations helped provide the impetus for the state legislature to pass the "Police Officers Bill of Rights" and the "Law Enforcement Officers Memorial".

In 2005, Mr. Wilkinson was awarded the AARP Andrus Award as the AARP Top Volunteer. He was awarded the United Way's Volunteer Network Helping Hands Senior Volunteer. In 2007 he was named by the Janesville Gazette as one of the Fifty That Matters. In 2008 he was awarded the Governor's People Award presented by then Governor Jim Doyle.

Mr. Wilkinson's service has ranged from the local level public sector and non-profit areas as well as a host of state organizations. He has shown commitment to improve the quality of life in Rock County through his numerous contributions to a host a local and state causes.

EVA ARNOLD

Eva Arnold received her driver's license at the age of 12 to drive farm machinery and feed trucks and later drove a semi to the stockyards in Chicago. Ms. Arnold was almost 40 when she found time to achieve one of her goals. She began attending UW-Rock County. She later transferred to Beloit College where she earned her Bachelor's Degree in English. She went on to achieve her Master's of Arts in Teaching.

Ms. Arnold volunteered and then was hired to teach Adult Basic Education at Blackhawk Tech. She taught English at Beloit Memorial High School for 17 years.

Ms. Arnold's involvement with the Beloit Hospital began in 1990 and her hospital-related service includes: Beloit Memorial Hospital Board, Annual Fund Raising Committee for the Foundation, chairs the semi-annual book sale, the liaison person with the Volunteer in Partnership Board (VIP) with Beloit Health Systems and the Foundation Board and the Emergency Room Steering Committee for the renovation and expansion of the Emergency Room.

Ms. Arnold has served on the St. Stephen's Catholic Church Parish Council.

She volunteers with the Turtle Fall Fest, participates in the "Are you Smarter than a Fifth Grader" program, member of Turtle Homemakers and volunteered at the Turtle Fire Dept. Pancake Feed.

Ms. Arnold has had a lengthy relationship with the Rock County 4-H programs as a youth and later served as a 4-H leader. She was the first female to exhibit swine at the Wisconsin State Fair. She chaired the Turtle Grange 4-H club and helped start the food tent at the 4-H Fair.

She volunteers with the Beloit Intermediate Women, a philanthropic organization and is past President.

Ms. Arnold has worked with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and is past-President. She serves on the Governor's Board on Aging and Long Term Care and is secretary.

Ms. Arnold assisted with the consolidation of the Clinton schools, served on the building committee and the new community school board.

In 1989 Eva started volunteering at the Wright Elementary School where her daughter, Cathy, teaches.

Since 1998, Ms. Arnold has represented District 6. Her County Committee involvement includes: Agriculture & Extension, Planning & Development, Rail Transit, Education, Veterans and Aging Services, Hall of Honor, Public Works and County Board Staff. The State of Wisconsin recently recognized her service on the Rock County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee, Land Conservation Committee and she represented Wisconsin at the National Extension Lay Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.

Eva is a mentor, leader, volunteer extraordinaire, organizer, hard worker, and never stops learning or inquiring about things.