

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Hall of Honor Committee
INITIATED BY



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Education, Veterans & Aging
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SUBMITTED BY

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Confirming the Induction of Anthony (Tony) Farrell Sr., Mark D. and John P. Finnegan 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 Anthony (Tony) Farrell Sr., Mark D. and John P.
 9 Finnegan as the 2014 Hall of Honor Inductees, based on their years of service to the people of Rock
 10 County.
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 12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
 13 this 22 day of May, 2014 that the nomination of Anthony (Tony) Farrell Sr., Mark
 14 D. and John P. Finnegan as the 2014 Hall of Honor Inductees be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Education, Veterans & Aging Services Committee

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Anthony (Tony) Farrell Sr.

A community member once said, “If you look up the word volunteer in the dictionary, you would probably find Tony’s picture off to the side.” Anthony (Tony) Farrell Sr. has distinguished himself in Rock County through his volunteer efforts and community leadership.

Tony is a tireless volunteer. He is a constant helpful presence at many government and education related meetings: the Beloit and Janesville City Council, Janesville School Board, Blackhawk Technical College and the Rock County Board of Supervisors. In addition, he is active with Special Touch Ministry, which serves people with disabilities, Rotary Botanical Gardens, Janesville Performing Arts Center, Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center, New Life Assembly of God Church, the Rock County Coroner’s Office, and many other organizations. Tony’s volunteer activities are extensive. He was recognized as the 2012 Forward Janesville Volunteer of the Year and the Janesville Gazette featured him in its “People Who Matter” section.

Tony has deep roots in Rock County and was described by the Janesville Gazette as, “the consummate cheerleader for our community.” As a longtime owner of a local music store, Tony has made an effort to share his love of music. He has sponsored student music trips and clinics, concerts, special events, and has even given free percussion lessons. Tony has been instrumental in other community groups. He served as a Commander on the Beloit Police Reserve Unit, as a member of the Rock County Humane Society Board of Directors, and through his work with the Rock County Coroner’s Office, he has led the suicide prevention program. Tony gives suicide prevention presentations free of charge and often speaks at all hours to people considering suicide. He coordinates the Remember Me program that provides grieving family members comfort by providing stuffed toys. Tony recently received the Rock County Coroner’s Office Superior Citizen Service Award in recognition of his activities.

Through his countless volunteer hours and community leadership, Anthony (Tony) Ferrell Sr. has helped make a difference in Rock County.

Mark D. Finnegan and John P. Finnegan

Mark D. Finnegan and John P. Finnegan have contributed to Rock County through their volunteer work and leadership activities.

Mark and John Finnegan have shown a deep commitment to many volunteer causes. They have been involved with Clinton baseball, volleyball, and football, Beloit Memorial High School hockey, Beloit Youth Hockey, the Salvation Army, Relay for Life, Vets Roll, Shopiere 4th of July Festivities, and Riverfest.

Mark and John Finnegan have distinguished themselves through leadership activities. They founded Vets Roll, a community group that provides safe transportation for World War II and Korean War era veterans wishing to visit their war memorials and other related sites around Washington DC. In addition, they have served as the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association Region Director and on the Beloit Youth Hockey Board of Directors. They received the 2011 Laurence A. Raymer Headliner Award, 2012 Daughters of the American Revolution Award, 2012 Red Cross Heroes Award, 2013 City of Loves Park Young at Heart Patriot Award, and many other awards and commendations.

Mark D. Finnegan and John P. Finnegan have shown commitment to improve the quality of life in Rock County through their numerous contributions to local causes.