RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hall of Honor Committee
INITIATED BY

Education, Veterans & Aging Services Committee SUBMITTED BY



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May 16, 2013 DATE DRAFTED

CONFIRMING THE INDUCTION OF NEIL AND KAY DEUPREE 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,
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Hall of Honor Committee annually selects persons for induction into the Hall of Honor; 6 and,
- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Committee has met and selected Kay Deupree and Neil Deupree as the 2013 Hall of 9 Honor Inductees, based on their years of service to the people of Rock County.
- 11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- this <u>23</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2013 that the nomination of Kay Deupree and Neil Deupree as
- 13 the 2013 Hall of Honor Inductees be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

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EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Neil & Kay Deupree

Through their good works and leadership activities, Neil and Kay Deupree have proven to be outstanding examples of good citizenship and making a difference in the Rock County community.

Neil Deupree has been a strong voice for diversity and social justice programs and is an active member of many organizations: the Rock County Bridge Builders, the Diversity Action Team, the Janesville Action Council, Friends of Welty Environmental Center, the Green-Rock Audubon Society, Janesville Ministerial Association, the Beloit Community Ministers Fellowship, Agrace Hospice (serves as on-call pastor) Wisconsin Council of Churches Peace and Justice Committee, and Justice Overcoming Borders. In addition, he was a member of the Rock County Board from 2003-2008, serving on multiple committees, and acting as the Chair for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and the Mental Health Ad Hoc Committee.

Over many years, Kay Deupree has shown skill as an activist, educator, volunteer, leader, environmentalist, and mentor. She volunteers and is a strong presence for many local causes: the Janesville Literacy Council, Janesville Little Theatre, First Christian Church, and the House of Mercy Homeless Shelter. Through her work with the Neighborhood Action Team, residents have widely praised her efforts to revitalize Janesville's Fourth Ward neighborhood. In addition, Kay was the president of the Rock County League of Women Voters, served on the Blackhawk Technical College Affirmative Action Advisory Committee, and is one of the founders of the Wilson Community Garden.

Neil and Kay Deupree give wholeheartedly to each committee and cause for which they are involved and in many cases, lead the organization to make Rock County a better place.