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RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

<u>Charmian J. Klyve, Director</u> INITIATED BY

Human Services Board SUBMITTED BY

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<u>Charmian J. Klyve, Director</u> DRAFTED BY

June 4, 2012 DATE DRAFTED

TO RECOGNIZE JOHN AND LOU LOOMIS

WHEREAS, the Loomis's were first licensed as foster parents on May 1st, 1970 and have remained foster parents for Rock County for over forty-two years, retiring in the summer of 2012; and,

WHEREAS, over the course of their forty-two years, they have cared for seventy-eight children that the County has placed in their care; and,

WHEREAS, some of the children were placed on an emergency basis, others were respite care placements but most were regular foster home placements of children with significant needs who had to be placed outside of their home due to abuse or neglect; and,

WHEREAS, fostering requires a great deal of understanding, nurturing, and wisdom requiring foster parents to be firm and fair with discipline and expectations, and create a positive environment for a child to thrive; and,

WHEREAS, the Loomis's were not only nurturing and understanding with the children placed with them but also maintained a positive working relationship with the birth parents while keeping the best interest of the children in focus and responding sensitively to their needs; and,

WHEREAS, fostering for over four decades has required the Loomis's be flexible and cooperative with the birth parents but also the many changes that have occurred in the foster care arena; and,

WHEREAS, the Rock County Human Services Department and Rock County Human Services Board wish to recognize the work of all foster parents but particularly the Loomis's who have been such an asset to the Department and to all the children who were fortunate to receive the care, nurturing and love that the Loomis's so generously shared with all their foster children; and,

WHEREAS, the Human Services Department conveys heartfelt thanks to the Loomis family and wishes them the very best retirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 14 of June, 2012 commends John and Lou Loomis for the care they have provided to so many Rock County children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to John and Lou Loomis.

Respectfully Submitted,

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD	
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Brian Knudson, Chair	Phillip Owens
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Sally Jean Weaver-Landers, Vice-Chair	Terry Thornas
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Billy Bob Grahn	Marvin Wopat