

**2014 RES-457**

**MEMORIAL TO DAROLD “DODE” LOWE**

**WHEREAS** Darold “Dode” Lowe, of the City of Madison, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2014 at the age of 76; and

**WHEREAS** Dode served as a member of this County Board from 1994 to 2004, representing the old district 3 on the East side of the City of Madison - as Dode would say, “the good side, the only side, the East side”; and

**WHEREAS** during his tenure on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, Dode served on many committees including as chair of the Transportation Committee, and as a member of the Executive Committee and the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee; he was a long-time member of many boards and commissions, including the Park Commission, Airport Commission, Specialized Transportation Commission, Solid Waste Advisory Commission, the Information Resource Management Committee, and the Living Wage Review Council; Dode was also a member of the Library Board for over a dozen years – 6 as a supervisor member and 7 as a citizen member; and

**WHEREAS** Dode was best known as a dedicated labor organizer and Democratic Party activist on the local, state, and national level, always striving to address the needs of the poor and organize workers; he served as a delegate at the 1980 Democratic National Convention and a member of the DNC, delegate to the South Side Federation of Labor, board member of AFSCME 2nd CD PEOPLE Committee, Dane County Democrats and Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans; Dode also served on the Rolling Meadows Neighborhood Association, United Way Board, and the Madison Personnel Board.

**WHEREAS** Dode grew up in Osseo, served in the U.S. Army, and began his career as an Eau Claire water department employee and union leader before moving to Madison in 1971 for a job with AFSCME Council 40 and throughout his entire life continued working for social justice and equality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby pays its respects to our departed colleague and extends its sympathies to his wife Gretchen, and his children, Mark, Susan, and Amy and their families, and we join them in mourning the loss of our former colleague who gave so unselfishly to our community; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that as a final token of our esteem and deep respect that copies of this resolution be presented to Dode’s family.

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Sharon Corrigan  
Dane County Board Chair

Signed and sealed before me this  
18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014

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Scott McDonell  
Dane County Clerk