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MEMORIAL TO DANE COUNTY SUPERVISOR JULIE SCHWELLENBACH

WHEREAS, Julie A. Schwellenbach, of Sun Prairie, passed away on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Julie served as a member of the Dane County Board from 2018 until 2021, representing District 20 encompassing the Towns of Bristol, Sun Prairie, and York; the Village of Cottage Grove Ward 13, Village of Marshall, and Village of Windsor Wards 2-4; and City of Sun Prairie Wards 23, 26, and 27; and Julie was a founding member and active in SPARC (Sun Prairie Action Resource Coalition); she was a dedicated public servant spending her time, energy, and passion on improving the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Julie served on the Public Protection and Judiciary Committee, the Dane County Environmental Council, the Dane County Food Council, and the Office for Equity and Inclusion – Partners In Equity Food Grant Subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, Julie was an integral part of the Dane County Environmental Council and her presence and impact on Dane County will be a lasting legacy; her deep belief in fairness and transparency became part of every discussion, and in every decision she made during her time on the Environmental Council; and Julie's enthusiasm for nature, gardening, and community was palpable and shaped the Council's agenda and actions; and Julie brought a positive attitude to all Council meetings and was an inspiration to all of the current Council members and others who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Julie was also a valued member of the Dane County Food Council, and her contributions were greatly appreciated by fellow members, as well as the members of the Madison Food Policy Council, and Regional Agriculture & Food Sovereignty work team; and Julie's thoughtful perspectives and insight were significant assets to food systems discussions and decision-making; her continual kindness, positivity, and supportiveness elevated those around her; and

WHEREAS, Julie was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, graduated from Parker High School, and earned a master's degree in speech and language from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; and she was a speech and language therapist at C.H. Bird Elementary School in Sun Prairie for 30 years, retiring in 2016; Julie loved her job and found great reward working with kids; and

WHEREAS, Julie was a cherished wife and partner to Mike Hietpas, and beloved mother to their son and daughter Matt and Katie Hietpas, and her family were her greatest source of love, joy, and pride; she was a passionate and dedicated educator, a true champion for those less fortunate, and the dearest of friend to so many.

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 her family and to her many friends. We join them in mourning the loss of our former colleague who gave so unselfishly to our community.

Analiase Eicher, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisors

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2021.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk