

2016 RES-471
MEMORIAL TO JUDITH WILCOX

WHEREAS Judith Wilcox, of the City of Madison, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2016 at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS Judy served as a member of this County Board from 1992 to 2004, representing District 2 on the east side of the City of Madison, after having served as the first woman elected to the Stoughton City Council, where she served from 1976 to 1985; and

WHEREAS during her tenure on the Dane County Board of Supervisors, Judy served as long-time Chair of the Health and Human Needs Committee and was a member of the Executive Committee; she was a member of many boards and commissions, including Chair of the Stoughton Housing Authority, Chair of the Dane County Housing Authority, Chair of the Dane County Board of Health, member of the Dane County Human Services Board, member of the Henry Vilas Zoo Commission, and member of the Board of Directors of Journey Mental Health; and

WHEREAS Judy was a tireless public servant, working with compassion, persistence, and commitment to improve the lives of Dane County residents through her professional work and her passion as a volunteer and elected official, particularly in the areas of homelessness and mental health. Judy worked many years for the State of Wisconsin to address housing needs for homeless people, retiring in 2008; In 2001, the AIDS Network awarded Judy its Sterling Rose Award for her work on housing issues faced by individuals with HIV and AIDS, and the YWCA named her a Woman of Distinction that same year; Judy was the Chuck Hill Awardee from WISCAP (community action agencies association) in 2005, and the Arcand Social Justice Awardee from Movin' Out in 2016; and

WHEREAS Judy worked for social justice and equity her entire life, serving the public and the most vulnerable among us at municipal, county, state, and international levels, including as a Peace Corps volunteer from 1987 to 1989.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby pays its respects to our departed colleague, recognizing and celebrating her remarkable life and achievements on behalf of the Dane County community, and extends its sympathies to her children, Cate, Elizabeth, and Sarah and their families, and we join them in mourning the loss of our former colleague who gave so unselfishly to serve the needs of others.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED as a token of our esteem and deep respect that copies of this resolution be presented to Judy's family.