

RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Hall of Honor Committee
INITIATED BY

Phil Boutwell
DRAFTED BY

Education, Veterans &
Aging Services Committee
SUBMITTED BY



May 5, 2010
DATE DRAFTED

**CONFIRMING THE INDUCTION OF
REVEREND DR. FLOYD PRUDE JR. AND WAYNE FLURY
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,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Hall of Honor Committee annually selects persons for induction into the Hall of Honor;
- 6 and,
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Committee has met and selected Reverend Dr. Floyd Prude Jr. and Wayne Flury as the
- 9 2010 Hall of Honor Inductees, based on their years of service to the people of Rock County.
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- 11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 12 this 2nd day of May, 2010 that the nomination of Reverend Dr. Floyd Prude Jr. and
- 13 Wayne Flury as the 2010 Hall of Honor Inductees be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

EDUCATION, VETERANS AND AGING SERVICES COMMITTEE

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REVEREND DR. FLOYD PRUDE, JR.

As a man of the cloth, Pastor Prude's work defines the word "volunteerism". As Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Beloit, he began the famous free hot lunch program that has provided thousands of meals to our community's less fortunate since its inception over 20+ years ago. He served on various community boards: Beloit 2020, Rock County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC), the Beloit (E) Quality Committee, the Stateline YMCA Board of Directors, Beloit Memorial High School Crisis Team, and the Beloit College "Help Yourself" Program Advisory Board.

Bill Barth, Editor of the Beloit Daily News, stated that Pastor Prude was always one of the leaders we looked to for comments on some of the most difficult issues facing the community. Pastor Prude exemplified leadership through his time of serving God's will and being the Senior Pastor of Emmanuel for over 30 years. He began the Emmanuel Bible Training Institute (EBTI) and various other ministries at Emmanuel. Outside of Emmanuel, he served as President of the Greater Beloit Minority Coalition for 23 years. He was a founding member and past officer of the Beloit Community Ministers Fellowship. He was Chair of the Religious Affairs of the Beloit Chapter of the NAACP and a charter member and Chairman of the OIC. Denominationally he served in many positions such as President of the WI General Baptist State Convention, Inc. Nationally he served as President of the American Baptist College Alumni Association. He was also appointed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors for the National Baptist Convention Sunday School Publishing Board.

Pastor Prude made many contributions. He was generous to the schools in the Beloit community. He gave his famous "We are the Purple Knights" speech during a crisis in the 80's. His strong efforts and influence in the Community Ministers Fellowship helped provide plenty of college-bound students with a scholarship. His never ending commitment to education provided area schools with school supplies and show cased their talents. His values and beliefs were not just based on people of color, but for all races because that is what God teaches us to do. His contributions were founded on love, unity and going above and beyond the call of duty. He was a key member of the community and always spoke highly of Beloit and its potential.

Words cannot express how Pastor Prude is missed in the community, but he lives through all of us.

WAYNE FLURY

Mr. Flury began to serve his village and Rock County in 1968 as a Footville Village Board member. He also served on the Parkview School Board and the Janesville Salvation Army Board of Directors.

Mr. Flury was a teaching Principal at Footville for five years; an elementary Principal for the Janesville School District for 35 years and elementary Principal at Brodhead for three years. He served as a Board Member and President of the Wisconsin Hereford Association, as well as the Rock County Beef Producers Association. Mr. Flury was a 4-H Beef Leader for the Center 4-H and served on the Rock County 4-H Fair Association Board for 28 years, 18 years as President.

The Flurys are the owners and operators of Flury Farms in Footville, Milton and Buffalo County, Wisconsin. Annually, in conjunction with a LaCrosse organization, physically challenged and elderly individuals are provided fishing opportunities at the Flury Farm in Buffalo County. Over 100 nursing home residents took part in the free fishing, luncheon and social activity at the pond in 2009.

In 1986 Flury Farms provided a job site placement for students participating in a summer experience based on a vocational exploration program sponsored by the Janesville Public Schools and the Rock County Private Industry Council.

Wayne Flury grew up on a farm in Buffalo County, Wisconsin. During his adult life, he balanced an outstanding career in public education and agriculture. His service in numerous voluntary and leadership capacities resulted in his having a positive impact on the lives of thousands of young people. He and his wife, Charlene, have partnered for 50 years to add value to the lives of countless individuals and numerous organizations. He is most worthy of recognition for all that he has given of himself to all of Rock County.