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Presents Hometown Hero Award to Dr. Judy Lottmann

Madison – At the commencement of an Assembly floor session on Thursday, Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah) awarded Dr. Judy Lottmann, of the Town of Bear Bluff, a Hometown Hero Award on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly and presented her with a legislative recognition citation. The Wisconsin State Assembly Hometown Heroes Program seeks to identify and recognize individuals from around the state who give of themselves to make a difference in our communities and in the lives of those around them.

"I was extremely pleased to honor Dr. Lottmann with the Hometown Hero Award. Dr. Lottmann has not only made a distinct impact locally in Monroe County and the Coulee Region, but has really been a pioneer in rural healthcare and women's healthcare throughout her distinguished professional career in the Midwest and the nation," VanderMeer stated.

Excerpts from Dr. Lottmann's legislative recognition citation include:

- *Dr. Lottmann, an alumni of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine, was the very last resident of the Saint Paul Ramsey Hospital residency program, when in the 1970s, there were very few female surgeons and the Saint Paul Ramsey Hospital residency program provided an opportunity for her to not have to fight the prejudice of being a woman surgeon*
- *Dr. Lottmann helped pioneer rural surgery training programs in use today, in part because she saw the need for them firsthand and the utility of those training programs for those practicing in smaller communities, and even attended the first meeting to develop rural surgery programs in Cooperstown, New York*
- *Dr. Lottmann was the only surgeon in Sparta, Wisconsin, from 1983 through 1990 and provided a variety of services in the Coulee Region Area in West Central Wisconsin for a number of years*
- *Dr. Lottmann currently is a member of the Ethics Committee for Tomah Health System and the Ethics Round Table for the Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative*

"In addition to her distinguished professional work and accomplishments, Dr. Lottmann admirably served the Town of Bear Bluff as Town Clerk for a number of years. Additionally, 'Dr. Judy,' as she is affectionately called, has been an active volunteer leader at her church for more than a quarter century serving as the Charwoman of the Missions Committee and the Administrative Ministry Team. She's a published author, and was also instrumental in starting a parochial school in her community. I can't think of a better recipient of this award and recognition and was happy that a number of her family and friends, including her husband Keith, were able to attend the recognition yesterday," VanderMeer continued.

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