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Rep. Billings Statement Honoring La Crosse Hometown Heroes

Madison – On February 15th, 95th Assembly District residents Joe Anderson and Mary Leonard Anderson will be honored with the Assembly Hometown Heroes Award. Representative Billings nominated Joe and Mary for this award and released the following statement:

“I am thrilled to announce that Joe Anderson and Mary Leonard Anderson will be joining me in the State Capitol on February 15th to be honored as Hometown Heroes for the 95th Assembly District. The Hometown Hero program recognizes people who have made a difference in our communities and demonstrated a commendable dedication to helping others.”

“Since Joe and Mary moved to La Crosse three decades ago, their work for our community has been invaluable. Mary was a UWL professor for more than 20 years before retiring last spring after directing her 70th show with UWL. Joe has been with UWL for 33 years and was the chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance for 12 years. Their productions have received numerous awards and other honors. Beyond their work as professors, Joe and Mary have worked diligently in the La Crosse community by providing workshops and directing, designing, and consulting for local productions.”

“While Joe and Mary are best known in our community for their work in the theater and creative arts, I particularly value the way that they help guide and support their students. By providing a welcoming and caring environment for their students and other participants in their productions, they have provided empathetic and attentive guidance and support for countless La Crosse residents and students. Their passion for artistic expression and care for their students is clear from their work both in and out of the classroom and I am proud to honor Joe and Mary with this award.”

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