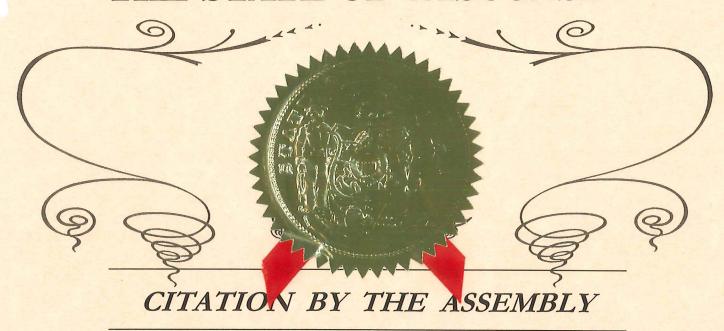
## THE STATE OF WISCONSIN



## KNOW YOU BY THESE PRESENTS:

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe was born in Columbia County on September 16, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe grew up on the Jens and Helga Viken homestead in rural Sun Prairie where she attended a one-room school for her early years of education, later graduating from Madison East High School; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe was the first woman elected chairman of the Columbia County Board, and served on the Governor's Council on Forest Productivity from 1983 – 1986 and the Wisconsin Waste Facility Siting Board from 1984 - 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe was a pioneer in local and regional recycling efforts, chairing the Columbia County Solid Waste Commission when it developed its innovative recycling program which was recognized by the National Recycling Coalition in 1986 for being the "most outstanding regional recycling plan in the nation"; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe lead efforts to develop the MacKenzie Environmental Center, located outside of Poynette, into a first-rate environmental education learning center where she organized the "Friends of the McKenzie Environmental Center" and served as its first president for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe lead efforts to establish the Columbia County co-composting project which served as an alternative to disposing solid waste in landfills; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe dedicated her time to countless organizations to improve not only her community, but the entire the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Ingeborg Lothe received recognition from Wisconsin Governors Warren Knowles and Anthony Earl, and has won the Who's Who in American Women Award, the Mrs. Lyndon Baines Johnson Award for Keep America Beautiful, the Wisconsin State Theodora Yeoman's Citizenship Award, the Shell Oil Company Award for Outstanding Leadership, the United States Forestry 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award, and the President's Volunteer Action Award from President Reagan; now, therefore,

Representative Julie Lassa, on behalf of the Wisconsin State Assembly, under Assembly Rule 97, hereby commends the commitment and passion that Ingeborg continues to show for the environment and her community and congratulates her on her induction into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame.

Representative Julie Lassa 71<sup>st</sup> Assembly District

STATE CAPITOL MADISON, WISCONSIN

> <u>April 12, 2003</u> Date

Representative John G. Gard Speaker of the Assembly

Representative Stephen J. Freese

Speaker Pro Tempore