

UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA

RESOLUTION

Recognition Howard & Loraine Backus

- Whereas; The United Square Dancers of America over the years has benefited from significant contributions by individual dancers; and,*
- Whereas; These individuals, on behalf of Square Dancers everywhere, have given unselfishly of their time, their energy and have even made considerable financial donations to the United Square Dancers of America; and,*
- Whereas; Loraine Backus, and her late husband Howard, have selflessly given to the Square Dance Community on a National level since 1981 through their participation at the organizational meeting of the United Square Dancers of America in Seattle, Washington as the delegates of the Arkansas State Square Dance Federation. Howard and Loraine were instrumental in Arkansas becoming Charter Members of the USDA in 1981 and served as Arkansas delegates to the USDA through 1983; and,*
- Whereas; Loraine and Howard's involvement in USDA began in 1983 when they were elected to serve as the Plains Region Vice President (1983-1985); elected to the position of President (1985-1987); immediately following their service as USDA Presidents they were appointed to the position of USDA Insurance Coordinators, a position they held together until Howard's untimely passing in 1995, and Loraine has continued until 2007; this 20 years of consecutive service to the USDA in one position is unequaled; and,*

Whereas; During their tenure as the third Presidents of USDA (1985-1987), Howard and Loraine were instrumental in achieving national recognition for the United Square Dancers of America among the other National Organizations; they continued to actively promote Square Dancing in all of its forms through extending the USDA Insurance Program not only to USDA Affiliates but to other non-affiliates as well; and,

Whereas; Loraine Backus has served continually on the USDA Founders Memorial Youth Fund that is responsible for the awarding of the annual USDA Youth Scholarship Fund; and,

Therefore: Be it resolved that the United Square Dancers of America, in accordance with Bylaw Section 1-C - Classification of Members, by majority vote of their Board of Directors, hereby bestows the title of HONORARY MEMBERS upon Loraine and Howard Backus - Little Rock, Arkansas.

*Adopted by Unanimous Vote of
UNITED SQUARE DANCERS OF AMERICA
Board of Directors present and voting during their
Annual Meeting this Twenty-Seventh (27th)
Day of June 2007 at Charlotte, North Carolina.*

