

May 31, 2020

Dear AHA Hall of Fame Committee,

It is with great pleasure the Wisconsin Hereford Association supports the nomination of Warren and Isabel Brown for the American Hereford Association's Hall of Fame.

The Browns began their journey with Herefords in the early 1950's when they each purchased a heifer from the Illinois State sale and brought them back to their farm in the beautiful farmland of Hartland, Wisconsin. They quickly grew their herd to be known as high-performing, dependable stock among fellow Hereford breeders. Brown's three children became involved with Herefords early on and led to their involvement in the junior program.

The Brown's have long served as role models and mentors for other Herefords breeders and juniors with many going on to strengthen or establish herds of their own. Isabel continues to influence and support the junior program through the connections she has with today's youth. She is often seen in the crowd of Hereford shows with her sharp eyes taking in the animals and their owners, giving feedback as she makes her way through the barns.

Warren and Isabel have both spent time as president of the Wisconsin Hereford Association or the Wisconsin Polled Hereford Association as it was known when they helped establish the group. Isabel also served as the Executive Secretary for the association and was elected at the first president of the Wisconsin Pollettes. They were active in the Wisconsin Junior Hereford Association from the start of the organization.

From holding bi-annual production sales to exhibiting at local, state and national shows, the Browns supported the gaining popularity of the Hereford breed. Champion, Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor banners were earned showing WIB prefixed cattle – awards that still hang in their home today.

Warren and Isabel were active in their local community. Warren served as the Hartland Village President, as a charter member of the Hartland Lions Club and on the Waukesha County Farm Bureau Board. Isabel served tirelessly with the local and county 4-H programs and was a key organizer of the county's first livestock auction and fundraiser for a new county beef barn. Isabel was named Honorary Fair Marshall of the Waukesha County Fair in 2003.

Wisconsin Livestock Breeders named the Browns the Livestock Producers of the Year in 1990 and the WI Cattlemen's Association named them Cattle Producers of the Year in 1996.

Warren and Isabel were inducted to our Wisconsin Hereford Association Hall of Fame in 1995 for their contribution as "breeders who have given unselfishly to the benefit to the Hereford breed."

Warren and Isabel Brown have given a lifetime to the Hereford breed. The Wisconsin Hereford Association is honored to support their nomination as inductees into the American Hereford Association Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,

James L. Renn
President, Wisconsin Hereford Association