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Rock County Legislators Honor Chief Deputy Barb Tillman as Hometown Hero

Madison – Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly members representing Rock County honored recently retired Rock County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Barb Tillman as a Hometown Hero.

Representatives Deb Kolste (D-Janesville), Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton), Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and Don Vruwink (D-Milton) presented her with the award during the Assembly floor session today.

Tillman retired in December after 37 years of service to Rock County. She is a trailblazer in every sense of the word. She was the first woman to hold the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant, captain, commander, and chief deputy in the Rock County Sheriff's office.

"Chief Deputy Tillman embodies what it is to be a role-model, especially to young women. Her contributions to our community are immeasurable," said Kolste.

"Thirty seven years of service to Rock County shows Chief Deputy Tillman's incredible dedication to our Rock County communities. I'm incredibly thankful for her lighting the way for women in law enforcement," said Loudenbeck.

"Chief Deputy Tillman has served Rock County with distinction and dedication for nearly four decades. I am grateful for her service to our community, and wish her the best in her retirement," said Spreitzer.

"Chief Deputy Tillman has been a pioneer for women in law enforcement. I commend her for setting an example for all of the men and women who take an oath to protect and to serve," said Vruwink.

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