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To the Iowa State USBC Bowling Hall Of Fame Committee

It is with great pleasure I would like to nominate Darla Thompson Wolfe for the Iowa State Hall of Fame.

I have personally known Darla off and on the lanes for over 30 years. Darla was born into a bowling family coming up through the ranks starting at age four in the Plaza Lanes youth program. At age 15, Darla bowled on "Let's Go Bowling" hosted by Jim Zabel. She rolled a 215 game even after missing a 5 pin. As a senior in high school Darla won the scratch division in the Coca Cola State Tournament advancing to the National finals held in Memphis, TN. Darla progressed into adult leagues averaging in the mid 190's to low 200's. She joined three scratch leagues where she became a strong and steady 200 average bowler.

After graduating from AIB in Des Moines, Darla's career as a Court Recorder took her to St. Louis, MO. While living in St. Louis she bowled in numerous scratch leagues and competed in three PWBA regionals and cashed in one.

Upon her return home, she immediately joined leagues and soon met her husband Jody. They have two wonderful children who are attending Iowa State University. Both Spencer and Morgan were high school bowlers for Johnston.

Darla has established quite a bowling resume, with a high average of 220 in the 2013-14 season. To her credit she has rolled six 300 games and a high series of 803. She has had games of 299, 298 and numerous 700 series. Darla even has a 247 triplicate. Darla has bowled in 15 Greater Des Moines city tournament, with a 1st place in 2003. Darla has bowled in 21 Iowa State USBC tournaments and has had her team place 3rd in 2006 and 2nd in 2012, in division 1. In singles she placed 1st in 2006. In 2007, placed 1st in singles scratch and 3rd in 2012. In 2016 placed 2nd in scratch all events. Darla has also been a youth coach at Plaza Lanes. She has held league offices of President, Treasurer and Secretary. She has served as a director on the Des Moines Women's board and assisted in local and state tournaments. For the 2007 State Women's tournament, Darla was in charge of the opening ceremonies and bestowed me with the honor of throwing out the first ball with Mayor Cownie.

I have no doubt that Darla Thompson Wolfe is qualified and deserving of this honor. So I humbly submit Darla Thompson Wolfe for the Iowa State USBC Hall of Fame.

Respectively Yours

Melody Felton

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody Felton". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.