The purpose of the ISUSBCWBA Hall of Fame is to perpetrate the names of those who have displayed outstanding ability in the game of American Ten pins and/or have contributed through meritorious service to the general welfare and progress of the game in the state of Iowa.

Before I introduce this year's recipient, I would like all of the current Hall of Fame members to please stand up.

Now, it is with great pleasure that I can talk you about a woman who has given many years of service to the Iowa State USBC Women's Bowling Association and to her fellow bowlers of Cedar Rapids.

Carma Bouska, will you please bring Wanda Blake of Marion to the podium?

Wanda, I will never forget that big smile on your face when the board of directors approved your induction into the Hall of Fame at the Fall Board Meeting in August.

Wanda was elected to this board in 1992. She has served on every committee except for the nominating, chairing many of those committees.

She has been a delegate to the state convention 25 years.

She has helped host our state tournament five times while being secretary and treasurer of her local association.

She received the Iowa State Service Award for 10 years of service being the secretary/treasurer.

In 1993, she was awarded the then named Lo Borschuk Outstanding Secretary Award after gaining the respect of her fellow Cedar Rapids bowlers who nominated her.

She has bowled in 50 state tournaments and 10 state senior tournaments. In 1971 she placed 1st in the senior tournament and represented our state association well, finishing in 5th place at the National Senior Tournament in Oklahoma City. She has also bowled in 15 state 600 tournaments.

She was a teller at the WIBC National Convention 7 times, a member of the National Pioneer Club, National 600 Club, WIBC delegate 30 times, USBC delegate 2 times and bowled in 35 National tournaments in which her team placed 7th at Denver in 1977. She has bowled in 15 National 600 tournaments placing 2nd in 1972.

In 1991, Cedar Rapids hosted the WIBC National Tournament, Wanda was the National Tournament Convention Secretary and the Doubles and Singles Scorekeeping Chairman putting in many long hours at the lanes.

She has been the following in her local association:

Treasurer 11 years

Secretary 21 years

President 6 years and is so at the present time

In 1988, the Cedar Rapids women honored her by inducting her into their local Hall of Fame.

She is a certified lane inspector.

She is a charter member of the Cedar Rapids Area Council and served as secretary of the Hall of Fame.

Her high series has been a 632 and high game 279.

Wanda retired from Dames W. Bell after working 31 years. She told me that after sitting in the mornings watching Madlock, she decided there was more to life than that. She was shopping at Von Mauer and asked if they had any openings. She has been working at the service desk at Von Mauer for 7 years and is probably taping the Madlock reruns.

She will be introducing her family and friends shortly.

The many hours of service and pure dedication to the bowlers of our fine state are why Wanda is being honored at this convention. Please join me in congratulating Wanda Blake of Marion on being the 40th women inducted into the Iowa Women's USBC WBA Hall of Fame for her years of service.

Wanda, on behalf of the bowlers of our fine state, I would like to present you with this plaque which reads:

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Your name will be added to the Hall of Fame plaque which is kept at the ISUSBCWBA office. Congratulations for a well deserved honor.

I would like to thank my committee,

Carma Bouska, Norma Rose, Carolynn Lee

Sally Reighard, Marilyn Mittan

Ex-Officio's Kris Reidy and Charla Green