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## **CATAWBA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DEDICATES ENTRANCE AREA OF JUSTICE CENTER IN HONOR OF RETIRED SHERIFF DAVID HUFFMAN**

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners took action at its meeting on February 4, 2013, to dedicate the entrance area of the Catawba County Justice Center in honor of retired Sheriff L. David Huffman and his 32 years of services to the county, including four as a county commissioner and 28 as Sheriff.

With dozens of Huffman's family members and friends looking on, the Board presented a plaque that will be posted at the entrance to the Justice Center later his week.

"In the months following the Sheriff's retirement, the Board began thinking of ways to recognize his service to the County," said Kitty Barnes, Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

"We not only wanted to recognize his time as a sheriff but also his time as a county commissioner. Without a doubt, you have brought great recognition to the county on many occasions and we are so thrilled to be able to show this plaque to you and your family today. The plaque reads, 'This entrance to the Catawba

County Justice Center is named in honor of L. David Huffman, in recognition of 32 years of loyal service to the citizens of Catawba County. Sheriff from 1982 to 2010 and County Commissioner from 1978 to 1982.' David remarked this morning that his name is going to appear on plaques on either side of this entrance, and that is a very unique situation."

Huffman's name appears on the original plaque dedicating the Justice Center when it was opened during his term as a county commissioner.

"I want to say how much I appreciate the great ambassador you have been for Catawba County", said County Commissioner Lynn Lail. "And the service you have given. It represents a long time and I thank you."

"Thank you for everything you've done for Catawba County. I've always appreciated your service," added Commissioner Barbara Beatty.

"It's been a pleasure to know David and his family for so many years, from the time he used to come out to hunt doves on our farm through the time I decided to make a run for county commissioner," said Commissioner Dan Hunsucker. "You've been a lot of help and a lot of inspiration to me and you're just one of those people you try to emulate. Thank you, David, for your service".

"I appreciate your great service," said Commissioner Randy Isenhower. "I know, as a lawyer working around the courthouse and in the criminal justice system, that you did a great job and had a great staff and you've been a fine example to law enforcement around this state. Thank you and thank your family because I know it has been a sacrifice for them, and I also appreciate your sacrifice for our county."

Huffman said prayer and his strong faith were always instrumental in decisions he made while serving the county.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be here and thank each of you for everything you've done for me," Huffman said. "I look forward to serving the County again in some capacity. I'm doing a little work now with people in Raleigh but I was born here and I hope to be buried here. I appreciate everyone who came this morning. Thank you so much."



**The Catawba County Board of Commissioners recently dedicated the entrance area at the Catawba County Justice Center in honor of retired Sheriff L. David Huffman (fourth from left). Holding the plaque are (from left) Commissioners Randy Isenhower and Dan Hunsucker as Board Chair Kitty Barnes and Commissioners Barbara Beatty participate.**