



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** J. Donald Wooten has served the residents of Rock Island and the Quad Cities since the early 1950's in vocations ranging from media personality to political leader to cultural icon; and
- WHEREAS,** J. Don Wooten has served in the State Senate where he received numerous "Best Legislator" Awards; and
- WHEREAS,** Don founded the Genesis Guild where he shepherded through years of successful production seasons in Rock Island's Lincoln Park, helped establish the Quad City Arts Council, and served on the Illinois Arts Council together with other boards (too numerous to name) but spanning areas from music festivals to public broadcasting to mental health and legal issues; and
- WHEREAS,** not the least of Don's many accomplishments has been to serve as founder of public radio in the Quad Cities at WVIK 90.3 FM, bringing information, news, arts, and culture to our city, and served as General Manager and continues as an on-air program host; and
- WHEREAS,** J. Don Wooten was honored as being a recipient of the Illinois Humanities Council Studs Terkel Humanities Award for his work in fostering a culture in which humanities are a vital part of the lives of individuals and communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Augustana College will honor J. Donald Wooten with an honorary doctorate at its spring commencement on Sunday, May 19, 2013, and WVIK Augustana Public Radio will honor Don and his accomplishments with a WVIK benefit dinner on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City Rock Island, join the members of the Rock Island City Council to proclaim Thursday, May 16th, 2013, as

J. DONALD WOOTEN DAY

in the City of Rock Island, Illinois to recognize his commitment to the city and its residents.

MAY 2, 2013

Date



Dennis E. Pauley
Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor