



## Mary Ann Lurquin Defnet

WHEREAS Mrs. Mary Ann Lurquin Defnet has distinguished herself through more than thirty-five years of service to the Wisconsin genealogical community rendered through the Bay Area Genealogical Society, of which she was a founding member in 1976, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Defnet has been a dedicated volunteer at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Area Research Center, teaching sessions in Belgian-American genealogy and assisting with complex questions in the areas of Belgian-American and French Canadian genealogy, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Defnet assisted with the collection, development and preparation for digitization of the Belgian-American Research Collection at the Area Research Center, and which is now part of the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Defnet, was the significant and driving force behind a project that transcribed the gravestones located in the seventy cemeteries in Brown County, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Defnet, served as the editor of the "Gems of Genealogy" for the Bay Area Genealogical Society for fifteen years which ensured readers were receiving a newsletter that always explained some aspect of genealogical research in a simple and understandable way, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Defnet, was the organizer, documentation analyzer, typist, indexer, calligrapher and mail clerk that issued almost 3,000 certificates in a period of less than two years for the "Jean Nicolet Certificate Program" offered by the Bay Area Genealogical Society, NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society expresses to Mrs. Mary Ann Lurquin Defnet its sincerest thanks and deepest appreciation for her years of dedication and service, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society hereby inducts Mrs. Mary Ann Lurquin Defnet into the Virginia V. Irvin Volunteer Hall of Fame.

Adopted at La Crosse, Wisconsin, this 15th day of April 2011.

Accepting on Mary Ann's behalf was her daughter, Janet Defnet.