

# Lifetime Achievement Award

## Cultural Recognition Honor

### The Award

The Houston Square and Round Dance Council will recognize those individuals or couples that have provided long term, outstanding leadership and continued dedication to dancing. These individuals/couples have achieved definitive leadership in their dancing field and, over the span of their lifetime; have indelibly contributed to the advancement of folk dancing. An important consideration is also the degree to which their influence is multiplied through others to affect the field of folk dancing far beyond their direct contribution.

A belief that an individual or couple is part of a community of perseverance of folk culture ( square dancing, round dancing, clogging, and contra ) , and a common purpose defining ourselves as an organization that make these events meaningful. We include traditional music from many cultures and prove again and again that our common roots are more powerful than the common mistakes we make trying to coexist. If we are to make these events meaningful; if we are to give true lifetime achievement honor...; we must understand that it is not merely enough to create a plaque, to create an event. Because whether we survive as an organization, as a community, as a world, will not be determined by whether or not one or another of us did what we did in a short time here, but rather how well we learned from these examples, and how well we teach by our own.

### Eligibility

- Individuals or couples with twenty years combined leadership and dancing in an HSRDC member club are eligible.
- Eligible members would include dancers, square dance callers, and round dance cuers, clogging and contra leaders.

### Nominating Process

- Individuals or HSRDC member organizations provide a detailed written nomination to HSRDC president of the proposed candidates.
  - Nominations can be made at any time and are not connected to any particular activity or event
  - The HSRDC President polls knowledgeable individuals and/or HSRDC member organizations for support of the nomination.

### Approval Process

Unanimous approval by the Executive Board is all that is required to authorize the issuance of a Lifetime Achievement Award. .

### Presentation Process

The Executive Board will present the Lifetime Achievement Award at the next major dance for which the recipient would normally attend. The dance can be club or Council sponsored.