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A Message from the Ohioana Library

Ohio women have made and continue to make a positive difference in our communities, state, nation and world. We invite you to help us publicly recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Ohio women by nominating an exceptional woman for the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame (OWHF). We urge you to spread the word to family, friends, colleagues and other organizations and encourage them to nominate Ohio women who have made, or are making, history.

The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame has played an important role in celebrating and preserving the current and historic contributions of Ohio's women. To date, more than 400 women have received the prestigious distinction of being inducted into the OWHF. Together, we can continue to honor the tremendous achievements of Ohio's talented and inspirational women.

We also invite you to join us for the OWHF Induction Ceremony on August 25, 2011 at the Ohio Statehouse. This annual event is free and open to the public, and gives us all the opportunity to honor and celebrate some of Ohio's most remarkable women each year.

About the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame

The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1978 by the Women's Division of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services (now part of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services) to publicly recognize the many outstanding contributions Ohio women have made to their state and nation. Members of the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame come from all walks of life, but each has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to excellence, achievement and service to others. The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame serves as a daily tribute to these women who are an ongoing source of pride and inspiration for all Ohioans – especially our state's next generation of leaders.

The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame honors Ohio women who emerge as leaders in their fields, often against great odds, with courage, determination and compassion. By celebrating their accomplishments, their struggles and triumphs, we prepare our children for the choices they must make and the challenges yet to come.
Nomination, Eligibility, Guidelines and Selection Criteria

Nominate an outstanding woman today! Please fill out the enclosed Ohio Women's Hall of Fame 2011 nomination information form in its entirety and return by April 1, 2011. Nominees must have been born in Ohio or lived in Ohio a minimum of five years. Each nomination will be considered for a period of three years. Current State of Ohio employees and elected officials are not eligible for induction into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame.

In addition to the information requested on the form, please provide a written summary of the nominee’s achievements that includes:

• a description of all significant accomplishments, including dates, the beneficiaries of these efforts and their local, statewide, national or international impact;

• an explanation of the uniqueness of the nominee’s contributions to the course of history to impact past, present or future generations, and how she provides an example for others;

• an account of how the achievement is or was unprecedented, unequaled, a first for women or an inspiration to others;

• a chronological listing of significant awards by the nominee; and

• a photograph (5x7 or larger) of the nominee.

Attach no more than five additional pages, which must be typed and double-spaced. No more than five pages will be reviewed for each nomination.

With the exception of women nominated posthumously, the signature of the nominee must be included on the nomination form. The signature of the nominator is also required.

Nominations will be reviewed by an appointed committee and forwarded to the governor for consideration.

Nominations will be evaluated on the scope and impact of the nominee’s verified achievements and the extent to which her efforts provide inspiration for other women.

The nomination form can be found at www.jfs.ohio.gov/women and should be submitted to the Ohioana Library, 274 East First Avenue, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43201 or ohioana@ohioana.org and postmarked by April 1, 2011. The Nomination and all attachments will become property of the Ohio Women’s Hall of Fame and will not be returned.

All inquiries and questions should be directed to the Ohioana Library at (614) 466-3831.