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Local Legends Selection Committee
American Medical Women's Association
c/o Local Legends
801 North Fairfax Street, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314

RE: Recommendation of Dr. Ann E. Norwood and Dr. A. Janelle Goetcheus

Dear Selection Committee:

I am writing to enthusiastically support the nominations of both Dr. Ann E. Norwood and Dr. A. Janelle Goetcheus for the Local Legends exhibition. As the first woman chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and former Democratic chair of the Women's Congressional Caucus, I am intimately familiar with the importance of recognizing the achievements of outstanding women professionals as a way to encourage others to follow in their footsteps. I feel that both Dr. Norwood and Dr. Goetcheus are two doctors whose contributions to both medicine and the community should be highlighted so that more people can become aware of their accomplishments.

Dr. Norwood, a member of the military for over 26 years, has spent her career serving not only the local communities where she has been assigned but also the country as a whole. She is a trained psychiatrist who has made outstanding contributions to military psychiatry and medical school education, in addition, she has volunteered her expertise in disasters and terrorism to help the District and the nation. Dr. Norwood's abilities have been recognized by both her military and civilian peers with several awards to include being named a Distinguished Fellow by the American Psychiatric Association.

Dr. Goetcheus, a family practitioner, has dedicated her life to serving the underprivileged. In 1979, Dr. Goetcheus founded Columbia Road Health Services a medical clinic that serves 11,000 Central American refugees and other extremely poor persons in the District. Dr. Goetcheus has earned many awards for her work with the homeless and underserved in the District including "Physician of the Year." In addition, Dr. Goetcheus has been elected to the DC Women's Hall of Fame and been named

Washingtonian of the Year by *Washingtonian* magazine. Dr. Goetchus has been best described as "a skilled and talented physician whose hands search through poverty to find those with the greatest needs."

I believe that both Dr. Norwood and Dr. Goetchus should be included in the Local Legends exhibition as they are shining examples for a future generation of doctors. I strongly urge the selection of both Dr. Norwood and Dr. Goetchus to the Local Legends exhibition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Holmes Norton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "H".

Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member of Congress