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### **Mrs. Annie Glenn Named Katharine Wright Winner;**

The National Aeronautic Association has named Mrs. Annie Castor Glenn as the recipient of the 2006 Katharine Wright Award.

Mrs. Glenn, the wife of astronaut and former Senator John Glenn, was cited for her more than 60 years of service both in support of her husband and in the advancement of aviation.

The award was established in 1981 by the Gates Learjet Corporation and is given annually to a woman who has provided encouragement, support and inspiration to others, or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time. It was named in honor of Orville and Wilbur Wright's sister, Katharine, who used money from teaching to purchase supplies for her brothers' experiments and contributed ideas to their projects. The award is co-presented by NAA and The Ninety-Nine's organization of women pilots.

The Glenn's grew up just blocks from each other and attended Muskingum College together. As World War II was escalating in 1942, John felt that he needed to serve his country. He did so only after consulting with Annie. This would be the first of many decisions they would make as a team that would forever affect their lives.

Senator Glenn says that Annie never allows him to dwell on "anything but success," and assures friends that his success—through his Marine service, his years as an astronaut, and continuing through his Senate career—was only possible through her support.

Annie Glenn has had a lifelong interest in programs that benefit children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. She is a member of the Advisory Board for the National Center of Survivors of Childhood Abuse and serves on the Advisory Board for the National First Ladies' Library. She serves on the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council of the National Institutes of Health. She is also a member of the Advisory Panel of the Central Ohio Speech and Hearing Association.

In 1987, the National Association for Hearing and Speech Action honored her by asking her to present the first annual Annie Glenn Award to James Earl Jones for achieving distinction despite a communication disorder.

She serves on the Board of Muskingum College along with her husband and often serves as navigator and radio operator on their flying trips together.

NAA and The Ninety-Nines are proud to present the 2006 Katharine Wright Award to Mrs. Annie Castor Glenn.