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Dr. Eilene Galloway Wins Katharine Wright Award

Arlington, VA – This year's winner of the National Aeronautic Association's Katharine Wright Memorial Award is Dr. Eilene M. Galloway, a woman who has played an influential role in the U.S. space program from its very first days.

The Award is presented each year in partnership with The Ninety Nines, Inc., an international organization of female pilots, to highlight the important role of women in aviation and space flight. This year's award will be presented to the recipient at the organization's convention scheduled to convene this summer in Huntsville, Alabama.

Following the orbiting of the Russian satellite Sputnik I in October 1957, Dr. Galloway was appointed by Senator Lyndon B. Johnson to assist with hearings on America's response to the Soviet challenge. She was picked for this task because of her work as Senior Specialist in International Relations for the Legislative Reference Division of the Library of Congress. In that job, she analyzed issues of national defense and foreign relations.

As the United States moved quickly to compete in the new "Space Race," Dr. Galloway was appointed a Special Consultant to the Senate Committee on Aeronautical and Space Sciences and helped write the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, which created the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Dr. Galloway was largely responsible for crafting the section of the Act relating to international cooperation. In the 45 years since then, she has remained actively involved with issues of space policy and programs, and has served on two NASA committees.

In 1959, Dr. Galloway began working with the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, where she pioneered the development of international standards governing activities in space. In 1995, on the occasion of the UN's 50th anniversary, she presented a paper on "Space Law: The Role of the United Nations--Organization and Management." She has continued her participation with the UN to the present time.

At various times, Dr. Galloway has also served with or done work for the Interparliamentary Union, the Ford Foundation, the International Astronautical Federation, the American Rocket Society, and numerous other groups. She has traveled the world to chair meetings, serve on panels, present papers, participate in workshops, and contribute to other functions dealing with

space law and technology. Currently, she is an honorary director of the International Institute of Space Law and trustee emeritus of the International Academy of Astronautics.

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In 1996, at the time of Dr. Galloway's 90th birthday, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin paid tribute to her for a career that has "made a positive and tangible impact, not only on the space program but on international cooperation and understanding."

Dr. Galloway grew up in Missouri, completed an undergraduate degree at Swarthmore College (1928), moved to Washington, D.C., entered civil service (1931), did postgraduate work at American University (1937-38), and joined the staff of the Library of Congress (1941). She holds two honorary doctorates in law, one from Swarthmore and one from Lake Forest College.

The Katharine Wright Memorial Award is named for Wilbur and Orville Wright's only sister, with whom they maintained a close relationship both before and after they invented the airplane. Much of what we know today about the Wright Brothers comes from letters the two men exchanged with Katharine, who provided both moral and practical support to her brothers in their work. The award honors women who have made a similar behind-the-scenes contribution to the advancement of aviation and space flight, or who on their own contributed to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation or space flight over an extended period of time.

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