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**CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN
HALL OF FAME
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GEORGE H. RYAN
GOVERNOR

October 15, 2002

Greetings,

As Governor and on behalf of the State of Illinois, Lura Lynn and I would like to extend our best wishes to all attendees, participants, and supporters of the 2002 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame Induction ceremonies.

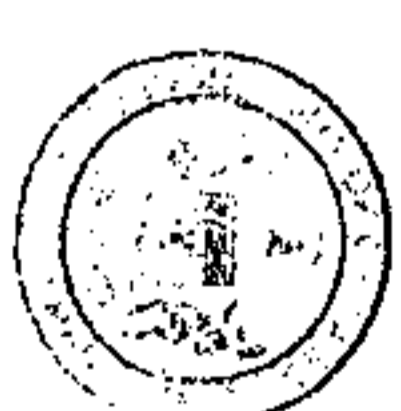
Human rights are basic rights - not special rights. All Illinoisans should be proud of the efforts of these individuals to promote fairness and equality.

It has been my goal as Governor to create greater harmony among our state's diverse communities. That is why I appointed the Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes. I urge each and every one of you to assist this valuable group in accomplishing its goals.

My best wishes to each of you as well as to your families.

Sincerely,

GEORGE H. RYAN
Governor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO
October 26, 1999
RICHARD M. DALEY
MAYOR

GREETINGS

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I extend my warmest greetings to the sponsors, supporters, inductees and all those attending the 1999 Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame ceremonies.

Chicago's strength arises from its diversity. In recognizing and appreciating the differences between us, we also find the common bonds that unite us as a people.

Historically, countless members of the gay and lesbian communities have made important contributions to our city, nation and world. I am proud that my administration has played a positive and active role in helping to create greater harmony between all of our city's diverse communities.

I commend the Hall of Fame for offering an opportunity for learning and a forum for discussion in the field of human rights. I look forward to continued work with the gay and lesbian community to ensure that all of our citizens are treated with dignity and equality.

In addition, I am delighted to recognize the achievements of the 1999 Hall of Fame inductees. I join with the Commission on Human Relations and Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues in congratulating each of them. They are part of a long tradition of those who seek to promote fairness and equality.

Best wishes for an exciting and memorable event.

Sincerely,

MAYOR



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October 26, 1999

Dear Friends:

No other city in the country has an established, city-sponsored Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame. On behalf of the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, I am proud that our Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues has taken a leading role in recognizing the contributions which gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered persons have made to Chicago.

Our Council and the Hall of Fame belong to a larger family, the friends of human rights. The gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered community has a well-deserved and long-standing tradition of advocacy for fair treatment for all segments of our diverse city. We urge the community to remain steadfast in the struggle against bias, discrimination, and prejudice.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is a crucial reminder to the City of Chicago that in honoring a specific community we are also singling out individuals and organizations committed to making Chicago everyone's city and ultimately a "bias-free city."

I congratulate the 1999 inductees to the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame for their outstanding personal dedication and commitment to making Chicago a city that works for all its citizens.

Sincerely,

Clarence N. Wood
Chairman

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CHICAGO GAY AND LESBIAN HALL OF FAME

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is both a historic event and an exhibit. Through the Hall of Fame, residents of Chicago and our country are made aware of the contributions of Chicago's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) communities and the communities' efforts to eradicate homophobic bias and discrimination.

With the support of the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues established the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame in June 1991. The inaugural induction ceremony took place during Pride Week at City Hall, hosted by Mayor Richard M. Daley. This was the first event of its kind in the country.

The Hall of Fame recognizes the volunteer and professional achievements of people of the LGBT communities, their organizations, and their friends, as well as their contributions to their communities and to the city of Chicago. This is a unique tribute to dedicated individuals and organizations whose services have improved the quality of life for all of Chicago's citizens.

Induction into the Hall of Fame symbolizes that the recipient either has made a contribution with far-reaching effects on the quality of life for Chicago's LGBT communities or the city of Chicago, or has made a significant long-term contribution to the well-being of Chicago's LGBT communities. The selection of inductees for the Hall of Fame is made by former recipients of the award based on nominations from the general public.

The Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame is privately funded through generous donations from individuals, businesses, and organizations. Staff support is provided by the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations, members of the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues, and volunteers.

A site on the World Wide Web (www.GLHalleofFame.org) has been established and maintained by the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame.

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