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Outstanding Member

We wish to thank and recognize
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I have been extraordinarily fortunate to have had three separate careers in my adult lifetime. First, out of college, I worked in Washington, D. C. for President Lyndon B. Johnson in the West Wing of the White House. While this may seem like an unusual beginning, my family was immersed in politics, including a Governor, a U. S. Senator and a U. S. Congressman.

My second career began in Atlanta, Georgia where I spent my time as a Mother and a graduate student at Georgia State University.

And finally for the last 29 years, I have been a CPA. I began with Deloitte and Touche, and for the last 24 years I have been with Bennett Thrasher. Bennett Thrasher has grown from 30 associates when I began to almost 160 associates today. I have been a shareholder for 22 years and, for most of that time, the only woman out of as many as 15 men. My primary focus was in the tax area, but then I began to work with individuals who were getting divorced. About that same time NACVA was offering a valuation credential, Certified Valuation Analyst, and I decided to work for that credential. In the early 1990s when I became a CVA my career really became rewarding. There were not many CPAs with valuation credentials, and those of us who did have them realized an increased amount of credibility. During that same time, the lawyers recognized that we had a very important role to play in preparing

and settling their cases. I was always comfortable and confident in depositions and trials because of the training I received from NACVA. As it is today, this was an exciting time in business valuation because the body of knowledge was growing and changing, and NACVA was always at the forefront keeping me on top of the curve. In my practice group of eight, five of us are CVAs.

And while I love my work, I also love to swim, bike, run, hike and rock climb. But most of all I love spending time with my wonderful family.

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