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## KATHLEEN FOX RECOGNIZED WITH GAMMA PHI BETA'S CARNATION AWARD

-- First female air traffic controller in Canada recognized for outstanding achievements --

**Centennial, Colorado** – Gamma Phi Beta Sorority presented member and aviation professional Kathy Fox with the Carnation Award at the Sorority's 77th biennial Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. The award recognizes members whose outstanding achievements in fields outside the Sorority have brought them honor or great distinction. Fox attended McGill University where she was a member of Alpha Tau Chapter.

Fox began her professional career in the aviation industry in 1974 when she became the first female air traffic controller in Canada. Always endeavoring to be the best in her field, Fox attained numerous senior positions during her career, ultimately retiring after serving as vice president of operations for NAV CANADA, the not-for-profit organization that owns and operates Canada's civil air navigation system. Throughout her career, she has received many accolades including the Transport Canada Aviation Safety Award, the David Charles Abramson Flight Instructor Safety Award, the Elizabeth II Anniversary Medal for her contributions to sport parachuting and many more. She is also a Quebec Air and Space Hall of Fame inductee. Additionally, Fox has also been involved in many other aviation activities and volunteer positions – she has flown more than 5,000 hours and is dedicated to serving her community, using flight as her medium.

Since 1974, Gamma Phi Beta has presented the Carnation Award to members who excel in their careers and positively represent themselves and the Sorority. The award recognizes impressive personal accomplishments and identifies role models within the organization. This year's other Carnation Award winners include certified speaking professional and author Barbara Glanz, renowned photographer Pamela Littky and Time Warner Cable Networks executive Melinda Witmer.

# **About Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority**

Gamma Phi Beta International Sorority was founded in 1874 at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York. The Sorority's mission is to inspire the highest type of womanhood. Headquartered in Centennial, Colorado, the Sorority has chartered 185 collegiate chapters across the United States and Canada, and has more than 200,000 collegiate and alumnae members worldwide.

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