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From 1973 to 1977, McHenry was director of humanitarian policy studies for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC.

He has lectured at Georgetown University and American University, and taught at Howard University from 1959 to 1962.

McHenry, a graduate of Illinois State University, received a master's degree from Southern Illinois University.

He lives in New York City.

Sarah Weddington is an Assistant to President Carter, responsible for political liaison and women's concerns. She previously was general counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Before moving to Washington, Weddington served three terms in the Texas legislature. She was named one of 10 best legislators by Texas Monthly. Weddington conducted a private law practice in Austin. In 1973, she successfully argued a landmark case before the Supreme Court.

As a member of the President's senior staff, she has represented the White House at numerous international functions. In 1980, she was part of the U.S. delegation to the Paris conference on women and employment, sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

In 1979, Time singled her out as one of America's 50 outstanding young leaders. Ladies Home Journal named her one of the 10 women of the future.

Barbara Ann Mikulski, a native of Baltimore, now represents Maryland's Third District in the U.S. House of Representatives. She serves on the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Mikulski served as a Baltimore city councilwoman from 1971 to 1976. She previously was a social worker, teacher, and consultant to the National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs.

In 1973, she was chair of the Democratic Party's commission on delegate selection and party structure.

Mary Rose Oakar represents Ohio's 20th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. A native of Cleveland, she is serving her second term.

Oakar was previously a member of the Cleveland city council. She has taught at Cuyahoga Community College and Lourdes Academy.

She is on the board of trustees for the Federation for Community Planning; Society for Crippled Children; YWCA; and Health and Planning Commission.

She serves on the Banking, Finance, and Urban Affairs Committee; Post Office and Civil Service Committee; and the Select Committee on Aging.

Virginia R. Allan is a special assistant to the dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. She is responsible for the women's studies program and policy center.

From 1972 to 1977, Allan was deputy assistant secretary for public affairs at the State Department. She worked closely with non-governmental organizations on International Women's Year.

Allan was the U.S. representative at the 1974 conference of NATO information officers. She headed U.S. delegations to United Nations' seminars on "participation of women in economic life of their countries" in Moscow and Libreville, Gabon, Africa. She co-chaired the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development meeting on the role of women in the economy.

Before joining the State Department, Allan was a consultant to the secretary of HEW. She also served as president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs.

In 1969, President Nixon selected her to head the President's Task Force on Women's Rights. From 1969-1977 she served on the Citizen's Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Michigan, she is a Detroit educator who pioneered a program to help drop-outs return to school.

She resides in Florida and Virginia.

Ingrid Fabbe Bauer is an advocate for rural, low-income women. She lives on a San Juan Island in Puget Sound, works as a clerk typist for the Friday Harbor Community Services Office of the Washington State Department of Social Health Services, and completed a B.A. through an independent study program at Evergreen State College in June 1980.

For the past two years, Bauer has studied ways to bring educational and employment training opportunities to rural women. She formed a chapter of the National Organization for Women in San Juan County, Washington, and is working with the NOW National Task Force on Women and Poverty. She is a member of the NOW National Rural Women's Committee.

She is a displaced homemaker who has served as an advocate for displaced homemakers and researched their needs.

She is a native of Washington.

Joan Zelder Bernstein is general counsel, Department of Health and Human Services (formerly Health, Education and Welfare). She has played a key role in matters concerning women, including enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, issuing standards governing the operation of day care centers, and establishing the rights of poor women to necessary medical care.

She has served as a member of the Federal Regulatory Council, the Council of the Administrative Conference of the U.S., the Federal Legal Council and the American Bar Association's Council of the Administration Law Section, and the standing committee on environmental law.

A native of Illinois, she resides in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Mary G. F. Bitterman, associate director of the International Communication Agency, is responsible for the agency's broadcasting activities.

She previously was executive director and general manager of the Hawaii Public Broadcasting Authority. She also has worked as project manager for the Hawaii Environmental Simulation Laboratory at the University of Hawaii. She has taught at the University of Hawaii and University of South Florida.

Bitterman, who serves as chair of the board of governors of the East-West Center in Honolulu, holds a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College. She was vice-chair of the board of directors of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters. She also was a director of Dillingham Corporation.

She is a native of California.

Barbara Blum is the deputy administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and an expert in policies to protect public health and the environment. She helped found and now serves on the advisory board of the Washington Women's Network. As the second ranking administrator at EPA, she has tripled the number of women in the agency's top policy making positions.

Blum served as the deputy director of the Carter-Mondale Campaign in 1976 and directed the Administration's transitional operation with a focus on identifying women for high level government posts. She holds a B.S. and a master of social work degree from Florida State University. Early in her career she worked on mental health issues, and later founded a management and purchasing company for a chain of restaurants and a restaurant equipment company.

She is a native of Kansas.

David Cardwell, a native of Philadelphia, has been a career foreign service officer since 1968. He has served in Zaire, Upper Volta, and Uganda. From 1976 to 1978, Cardwell served on the Sinai Field Mission. He has been an African desk officer at the Department of State. Since 1978, he has served as the U.S. representative to the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly. He is an advisor to the Economic and Social Committee of the United Nations and has served as a U.S. delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women and the Commission on Human Rights. He speaks French.

Liz Carpenter, assistant secretary for public affairs at the Department of Education, is well-known for her work as a journalist and as press secretary for

Lady Bird Johnson from 1963 to 1969. She was executive assistant to Lyndon Johnson when he was vice-president from 1961 to 1963 and travelled to Scandinavian countries and Southeast Asia on presidential and vice presidential missions of the Johnsons.

Longtime journalist and political activist, she was a member of the President's Committee on International Women's Year under both Presidents Ford and Carter. One of the founders of the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971, she has been a leader for the Equal Rights Amendment and is honorary co-chair for ERAmerica.

Carpenter has received awards for distinguished service from the University of Texas, Ladies Home Journal, Headliners Club, and Alpha Phi international fraternity.

She is a Texan.

Blandina Cardenas Ramirez is a member of the board of governors for the International Union for Child Welfare, Geneva. She previously served as Commissioner of Administration for Children, Youth and Family at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

She was director of the Center for the Management of Innovation in Multicultural Education in San Antonio from 1970 to 1972. She earlier directed education programs in San Antonio. She is one of three women that the President has nominated to serve on the U.S. Commission for Civil Rights.

Ramirez, who holds a Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, was a Rockefeller fellow in 1974-75. She is from Texas.

Judy Carter, honorary chair of the President's Advisory Committee for Women, is also a contributing editor for Redbook.

Carter, who holds a master's degree in early childhood education, has taught first and second grade. She was honorary chair for the Georgia Year of the Child in 1979. She is a member of the National Association for Community Education and spoke at the International Association's convention in Melbourne in 1979.

From January to May of 1971 following graduation from college, Carter attended the Chapman College World Campus Afloat "semester at sea." While touring Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, Tanzania, South Africa, Ivory Coast, Senegal and Morocco, she studied comparative education and the impact of Western missionaries on education in African countries.

Carter is a trustee of the League of Women Voters Overseas Education Fund, and a member of the Continuing Committee of the National Women's Conference.

A member of Rural American Women, she lives in Calhoun, Georgia, with her husband and two children. Carter has spoken throughout the United States in support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Nicholas Danforth is a specialist in international education and training with Westinghouse Health Systems, the health consulting division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation. He designs and manages nonformal education projects affecting Third World women, particularly educational projects in public health, family planning, nutrition and sanitation.

As an education consultant to the International Labor Office in Geneva from 1974 to 1976, he prepared the study Womanpower, the World's Female Labor Force in 1975 and the Outlook for 2000.

A member of the Board of Directors of the International Center for Research on Women, he holds master's degrees in international affairs and African studies from Columbia and in education from Harvard, and a B.A. from Yale.

Vivian Lowery Derryck is the Director of the U.S. Secretariat for the World Conference of the UN Decade for Women. Derryck has coordinated meetings for American women to contribute their ideas on the conference themes.

A specialist on women in development, Derryck's career has concentrated on education and Third World women.

Derryck has taught at New York City Community College; directed curriculum development projects at the Education Development Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts; served on the U.S. House of Representatives' Select Committee on Population; and worked for the Vice President's Task Force on Youth Employment.

She spent four years in west Africa teaching and doing research on the relationship of women, education and development.

Derryck is a native of Ohio.

Sue Kunitomi Embrey is President of the Los Angeles City Commission on the Status of Women. She has long been an activist in education and employment.

At the age of 19, she was interned with other Japanese-Americans who were evicted from their homes on the West Coast. She edited the Manzanar camp's Free Press.

Later she worked with the United Farmworkers and the American Civil Liberties Union.

As an educator, she was a founding member of the Los Angeles Board of Education Commission on Asian-American Education. She is now working with the U.S. Census Bureau Community Services Program to assure an accurate assessment of minority populations in California.

Embrey holds a master's degree in education from the University of Southern California and lives in Los Angeles.

Sister Isolina Ferre is executive director of the Dispensario San Antonio, Inc. in Playa de Ponce, Puerto Rico. She previously was president of the board of directors for the Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center there.

Ferre has long been active in providing health services, working for better child development, and preventing delinquency.

She was a delegate to the White House Conference for Youth in 1970. In 1976, she received the key to the city of New York in recognition of her work with Spanish youth and her interest in the betterment of all people. She also was named "public citizen of the year" by the San Juan chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

She is a member of the regional committee of the National Endowment for the Humanities. She also is a national consultant for the youth service bureau for the state of California.

Ferre holds a master's degree in sociology from Fordham University, New York City.

Arvonne Fraser directs the Women in Development Office of the Agency for International Development. She is responsible for analysis of the impact of U.S. foreign assistance programs on women in developing nations. She also develops U.S. programs and policies to ensure that women in countries receiving AID assistance have equal access to that assistance.

Fraser was the president of the Women's Equity Action League from 1972 to 1974 and served as the organization's legislative chair and as a national board member from 1970 to 1977. She was an alternate delegate to the International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City in 1975, an advisor on the delegation to the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women in 1974 and in 1978, and a consultant to the UNESCO Conference on Woman and Her Human Rights in Jamaica in 1974. Fraser was an original convenor of the National Women's Political Caucus and the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus. She has a B.A. from the University of Minnesota.

Fraser is a Minnesota native.

Eunice Fiorito is special assistant to the commissioner for the Rehabilitation Services Administration of the Department of Education.

Fiorito was a founder and president of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities, Inc., the world's largest organization controlled directly by disabled people.

Fiorito has worked with rehabilitation-related groups and with industry, labor, civic and religious leaders to assure civil rights and equal opportunities for disabled people.

She was executive director of the Mayor's Office for the Handicapped, New York City from 1972 to 1978. She was director for psychiatric social work at Bellevue Medical Center, New York University.

Fiorito, who has been blind since age 16, holds a master's degree in social work from Columbia University, New York.

She is a native of Illinois.

Barbara Good is director of international women's programs for the State Department and a career foreign service reserve officer. She previously was a program and public information officer for the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO and a foreign service recruiter.

She has served in Rome, La Paz, Buenos Aires, Kobe and Paris. She speaks Spanish, French and Italian.

Good is a founder and past president of the Women's Action Organization of State, AID and ICA. She served on the board of directors for the American Foreign Service Association and was vice-president in 1973-74.

Good is a native and a resident of California.

Mary A. Grefe, a specialist in adult education and leadership training, is president of the American Association of University Women. She was appointed by President Ford as a member of the National Advisory Council on Adult Education in 1974 (chair in 1976-77) and has served 12 years on the Des Moines school board.

She represented the United States on the International Council for Adult Education in 1975 in Ottawa, and President Nixon appointed her as a delegate to the 1972 UNESCO Third World Conference on Adult Education in Tokyo.

Grefe chaired a multi-national conference on "Lifelong Learning: A World Perspective" at Iowa State University.

She has encouraged the AAUW to increase its financial and educational effort toward ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and full equity for women. Of special value is her interest in counseling mature women who want to return to the work force.

Grefe is from Iowa.

Dorothy Height is the president of the National Council of Negro Women. Under her leadership, the organization has mobilized women for work in combatting hunger and malnutrition, poor housing, illiteracy, and inferior education and health services for poor people throughout the world, particularly in Africa and the Caribbean. She has directed programs for food production, child care centers, home ownership for low income families, and resource centers for Black and Hispanic women.

Height serves on the Manpower Advisory Council to the Secretary of Labor, the National Commission for the Protection of Human Subjects of Biomedical and Behavioral Research, the Advisory Committee on the Black Count (Bureau of

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Census), the National Urban Coalition, the National Committee on Household Employment, Common Cause, the National Committee on Children and Youth, the National Black United Fund, the National Commission of the Holocaust, National Black Leadership Forum, and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. She serves as president of the Alliance for Volunteerism.

She was born in Virginia and holds a master's degree from New York University with advanced study at Columbia University. She has received nine honorary degrees.

She lives in New York.

Barbara Knapp Herz is a Senior Advisor for Human Resources to the Director of the International Development Cooperation Agency. She heads U.S. foreign aid programs and serves as principal advisor to the President on development. Herz specializes in women-in-development, population, health, and other human resources fields. One of the primary focuses of her work has been family planning, and she authored the Agency of International Development's policy paper on population in 1976.

Herz was a Fulbright Scholar in 1965-66, studying at the University of Paris Law School. An alumna of Wellesley, she was awarded a Ph.D. in Economics by Yale University in 1974 and was an advisor on development issues to the U.S. delegation to the UN International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City.

She was born in New York, lives in Maryland, and is fluent in French.

Alexis M. Herman is the youngest director of the Women's Bureau (Labor Department) in its history. She formulates standards and policies to promote the welfare of working women and increase their employment opportunities. She has been particularly interested in projects for young women and women in rural areas. Herman was recently appointed as a member of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank Board.

From 1972 to 1977, she was national director of the Minority Women Employment Program which placed more than 1,000 minority women in nontraditional white collar and blue collar jobs.

She served on the board of the Campaign for Human Development from 1972 to 1975. CHD is the Catholic Church's national education and action program to combat poverty and injustice. She is also a former board member of the YWCA and the United States Youth Council.

In 1978, Herman was named one of the 10 Outstanding Young Women of America. She also has received awards from the Women's Equity Action League and the National Black Women's Political Leadership Caucus. In 1978, she received the first annual Dorothy I. Height award.

She is a native of Alabama.

Ruth J. Hinerfeld, president of the League of Women Voters, was a delegate-at-large to the 1977 National Women's Conference.

Hinerfeld served on the board of directors for the League from 1972 to 1978. From 1969 to 1972, she served as the League's UN observer. She is a member of the National Commission for an Agenda for the 1980s.

In 1978, she participated in a Rome conference on development, economic cooperation, the environment and international institutions. She also visited the People's Republic of China under the auspices of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

She has been a member of the White House Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations since 1975. Hinerfeld received the National Municipal League's Distinguished Citizen award in 1978. Hinerfeld lives in New York.

Koryne Horbal represents the United States on women's issues at the United Nations. In June 1977, President Carter appointed her as the United States Representative on the Commission on the Status of Women of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. She has been active in many women's organizations, including the National Organization for Women, the National Women's Political Caucus, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and the National Abortion Rights Action League.

Horbal is from Minnesota and has long been active in politics. She has served at every level of political participation from local precinct to Chairwoman of the Minnesota State Democratic Farmer Labor Party. She is a member of the Democratic National Committee, and formed the Democratic National Committee Women's Caucus.

Perdita Huston is regional director of the Peace Corps for North Africa, Near East Asia and the Pacific. She has lived and worked in Algeria, Tunisia and France for more than 15 years. Her experience there and her travels as a journalist in Africa and Asia resulted in two books on the rural poor in the Third World.

Huston is fluent in French.

At the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977, she moderated panel discussions among women from developing nations. She was an alternate delegate on the U.S. delegation to the Economic and Social Council for Asia and the Pacific conference in New Dehli.

Huston is from Maine.

Mary King is Deputy Director of ACTION and helps direct ACTION's programs, including VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America), Foster Grandparents, Senior Companions, and RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), as well as several programs for high school and college youth. Also included with ACTION's programs is the Peace Corps, an independent agency. Together these programs support the

activities of over 300,000 volunteers serving throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam and in 63 developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. King also is a member of the Federal Interagency Committee on Refugee Affairs.

She was a worker in the forefront of the civil rights movement in the South. While she was working with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Georgia and Mississippi, she wrote a manifesto on the role of women in the civil rights movement and in the United States. King worked for four years in the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, Office of Health Affairs, organizing prototype community health programs for rural and urban areas.

She formed her own management consulting firm in 1972 which specialized in health care and prison reform. She was a charter member of the National Association of Women Business Owners and was its president in 1976. In 1977, she was a U.S. delegate to the United Nations Conference on Desertification in Nairobi and to the 1979 World Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development.

King now resides in Washington, DC.

Odessa Komer has served as Vice President of the United Auto Workers Union since 1974 and serves as a national officer of the Coalition of Labor Union Women. She has been a member of the UAW since her first day as an assembler at the Ford Sterling Plant and has held many positions in the 7,000-member local including executive board member of her local, district committee member, and delegate to the National Ford Council. She has participated in all phases of bargaining. As UAW Vice President, Komer is director of the Bendix, Eltra, Women's, Consumer Affairs, Conservation and Natural Resources, Recreation and Leisure Time departments.

Komer is an expert in a wide spectrum of employment issues, including pensions, insurance, and workers' and unemployment compensation. She is also co-chair of the National Coalition for the Reproductive Rights of Workers.

Komer is from Michigan.

Esther R. Landa is a member of the President's Advisory Committee for Women, where she chairs the education subcommittee. She also serves on the President's National Commission for an Agenda for the 1980s.

Landa is immediate past president of the National Council of Jewish Women, and serves as NCJW's representative to the Equal Rights Amendment coalition.

She served 12 years on the Salt Lake City Board of Education -- the second woman ever elected a member. Later she was chosen vice-chair of the Utah State Board of Education. In 1973, she was elected secretary-treasurer of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

From 1964 to 1969, Landa was director of women's programs in the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Utah.

The American Association of University Women named her Utah Woman of the Year and she also has received the Liberty Bell Award from the Utah Bar Association and the Distinguished Woman Award from the University of Utah.

She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Mills College in California.

She is a native of Utah.

Warren D. Manshel is the U.S. Ambassador to Denmark. He previously was editor and publisher of Foreign Policy, a quarterly magazine.

Manshel, who holds a Ph.D. from Harvard in political science, taught at Harvard from 1948 to 1952. He later entered the investment field.

He speaks French and German and has written many articles on foreign affairs.

He is from New York City.

Mary W. E. Natani is president of the North American Indian Women's Association and chairs the Interagency Task Force on American Indian Women which is comprised of 22 representatives of Federal agencies which have major program responsibilities for American Indians. She is a full-blood member of the Winnebago Tribe.

A native of Wisconsin, Natani attended the University of Kansas, the University of Colorado, and the University of Denver.

In addition to her current position as an equal opportunity specialist for the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Labor Department, Natani has worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the National Congress of American Indians, and as a migratory farm and home crafts worker.

She lives in Maryland.

Bea Peterson has owned and operated Flagstaff Farms in western North Dakota for over 40 years. The former schoolteacher is also a free lance journalist who has conducted her own radio and television shows. She is concerned with rural issues and is a political activist.

She chairs the Women's Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, and serves on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Committee on Trade Negotiations and the North Dakota state Supreme Court Disciplinary Board, Medical Advisory Council, Advisory Committee on Rehabilitation Service, Council on Drugs and Alcoholism, and the state Civil Rights Commission.

Peterson is a member of Rural American Women, the National Women's Political Caucus, and the American Lutheran Church Women.

She was born in Iowa.

James Daniel Phillips is a native of Kansas. He was educated in Kansas schools and he has BA and MA degrees in political science from the University of Kansas at Wichita. He did three years of advanced graduate work at Cornell University where he was a teaching assistant. Following two years in the U.S. Army and a year's study at the University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, he entered the foreign service in 1961.

He has served in France, Zaire, Luxembourg, the Gambia, and at the Department of State. He was deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy at Luxembourg and U.S. charge d'affaires in the Gambia. He speaks French and German.

✓ Vel Phillips was elected Wisconsin's Secretary of State in 1978. She was the first woman and first black person to be elected to a statewide Constitutional office. Earlier, she was the first woman and first black person to serve in the Wisconsin judiciary. Phillips chaired the Wisconsin delegations to the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977.

She led a successful struggle in 1967 for fair housing legislation in Milwaukee. She has taught at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the University of Wisconsin Law School, and Carroll College, Wisconsin.

In 1979, she was named one of the 100 most influential blacks in America. In 1960, she received Howard University's alumni achievement award.

Phillips is a member of the Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism, the Wisconsin Women's Political Caucus, and a founding board member of the Wisconsin Women's Network. She is the first black person elected to the national committee of either of the major political parties.

Sarah Goddard Power is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Social Affairs at the State Department.

She is a regent at the University of Michigan, a statewide elected office.

Power, who received a master's degree in international relations from New York University, worked in Mayor John Lindsay's office and as an administrative assistant to Governor Nelson Rockefeller.

In 1978, she was a Presidential delegate to the UNESCO general conference in Paris, and in 1976, Power represented the U.S. at the UNESCO conference in Kenya. She also attended the International Women's Year Conference in Mexico City in 1975. From 1976-79, she served as a chair of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.

Power is a member of the American Council on Education and a director of the National Women's Education Fund.

She is from Michigan.

Maureen Rafferty works as a CETA-sponsored health educator for a San Francisco Public Health Center, providing information on programs such as career screening, family planning services, and health services for the aged. As a community activist for the past 10 years, she has worked on issues such as Social Security reform, welfare reform, abortion rights, and custody and family law.

In California and at the 1977 National Women's Year Conference in Houston, Rafferty has worked for lesbian rights. She was a co-founder of San Francisco's Women Against Rape and has served as a spokeswoman for Wages for Housework and Wages Due Lesbians in San Francisco. Rafferty has a bachelor's degree from Trinity College in Washington, DC and has studied mental health at Metro State College in Denver and applied gerontology at San Francisco Community College.

She is from Connecticut.

Lynda Johnson Robb is chair of the President's Advisory Committee for Women. She works on a variety of women's issues, including health, education, employment, and welfare.

She attended the National Women's Year Conference in Houston in 1977, and has monitored progress on the planks decided there.

Robb is vice-president of the LBJ Company and a member of the board of directors of KLBJ, Austin. She has been a contributing editor to Ladies Home Journal since 1970.

Robb graduated from the University of Texas with honors in 1966. She has served on the national advisory board for Reading Is Fundamental, and on the board for the Washington Performing Arts Society.

Robb, a native Texan, now lives in Virginia.

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