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FIRST LADY EARNS NATIONAL AWARD FOR SUPPORT OF GUARD

Columbus — Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio's adjutant general will present the National Guard Association of the United States' (NGAUS) Patrick Henry Award to Mrs. Hope Taft, Ohio's first lady, Tuesday, Nov. 28.

A brief ceremony is scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. in the North Hallway of the Ohio State House.

The Patrick Henry Award, established in 1989, is the highest NGAUS honor awarded to a civilian other than a state governor, member of Congress or state legislator. The award is designed to provide recognition to civic leaders and public officials in positions of great responsibility, who distinguish themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard or the National Guard Association of the United States.

"Mrs. Hope Taft has been a champion for the members of the National Guard and their families," said Wayt, who nominated Taft for the award. "Throughout her nearly eight years as Ohio's first lady, she has used her authority and visibility to advance the quality of life for members of the Ohio National Guard and has especially focused on meeting the needs of the families of our deployed members."

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