GEORGIA MOTHERS ASSOCIATION
Mother of the Year - 1976

Madam President, Judges and Ladies:

I am honored to participate as nominee of Sandy Springs Womans' Club in the Georgia Mothers Association's search for Mother Of The Year.

My husband and I are justly proud of our three children, each holding two college degrees:

Allen, a Captain in the U. S. Navy;
Louise, a Christian teacher and leader of children; and
Marshall, a Doctor of Medicine, internest and certified cardiologist.

We have five lovely grandchildren, the eldest having just entered college as a pre-medical, and the youngest is in the first grade.

As our children grew from childhood into homes of their own, my primary interest was centered in our home, church and their development into wholesome, responsible, Christian citizens.

Family participation in all church, school, P.T.A., sports, music, Blue Birds, Camp Fire Girls, Boy Scouts and Explorers, were included in our happy lives.

As the first temporary female Boy Scoutmaster of Troup # 59, camping in the mountains of north Georgia I was frightened speechless, with my only weapon - a flashlight, as a hungry bear ate our food and sniffed at sleeping boys in their pup-tents. This did not deter my Scout camping and loving all the boys, who earned 24 Eagle awards and grew up to be lawyers, doctors, college professors, and productive citizens.
The family unit which has been the strength and foundation of all nations since God instituted the family will suffer irreparable harm as well as the church, our children and grandchildren if the proposed E.R.A. is passed. Therefore, for the last three years my concentrated efforts have been in our church, educational activities, and up to now successfully opposing E.R.A., which in my judgment is a fraud on women.

Constitutional lawyers say if E.R.A. is passed the following is only a small part of the drastic results to the home and women:

1. Women and mothers will be drafted to serve in combat duty equally with men.

2. Wives will have equal financial obligations to support their husbands and minor children.

3. Unemployed wives will not receive Social Security benefits based on their husbands contributions to the fund.

4. Wives and children will not be required to use their husband's and father's name.

5. Widows will lose preferential tax, property and homestead benefits.

6. Divorced women will be required to pay alimony and child support, if the husband should get the custody of the children.

7. Homosexual marriages and adoption of children by them will be legalized, with tax and homestead benefits for such couples.

8. Women's protective laws will be abolished, etc., etc., etc.

May this blight never come to our great nation, and may our
womanhood and motherhood continue to be revered and our families preserved.

Thank you,

Kathryn F. Dunaway.