



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
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Glenn Youngkin
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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, welcome to the unveiling of the interactive mobile exhibit celebrating Dr. Gladys West's extraordinary achievements. This event marks a significant moment in recognizing the invaluable contributions of a pioneering mathematician whose work has profoundly impacted our world.

Dr. West's groundbreaking mathematical modeling at the Naval Testing Ground in Dahlgren led to the creation of the Global Positioning System (GPS). This technological marvel has revolutionized our daily lives. While many see GPS as a personal location savior, few are aware of the scientific feature made possible by Dr. West's dedication and expertise.

The interactive mobile exhibit, designed by Virginia Tech and underwritten by Trimble, is a testament to Dr. West's legacy and the remarkable advancements she has enabled. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the National Center of Women's Innovations for their pledge, unwavering support, and commitment to honoring Dr. West's contributions.

As we unveil this exhibit, we celebrate Dr. West's achievements and inspire future generations to pursue their passions in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Her story is a beacon of hope and motivation, reminding us of the power of perseverance and innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Youngkin".

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