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2009 Virginia Women in History Program Honors Eight Outstanding Women

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(Richmond, Va.) – A Pamunkey leader and Unionist, an innovative educator, the first woman elected to statewide office in Virginia, and a nationally recognized psychologist and advocate for abused children are among eight Virginia women recognized by the Library of Virginia as part of its Virginia Women in History program. On March 26, 2009, the Library of Virginia will honor the eight outstanding women who are featured in the 2009 Virginia Women in History program at an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. at the Library of Virginia. The evening's program will be hosted by Lisa Lafata Powell, with a reception to follow. Seating is limited, so please call 804-692-3900 for reservations.

The women honored this year are:

Mary Randolph (1762–1828), Chesterfield County and Richmond, cookbook author; **Caroline Bradby Cook** (born ca.1839), King William County, Pamunkey leader and Unionist; **Virginia Estelle Randolph** (1874–1958), Henrico County, educator; **Pauline Adams** (1874–1957), Norfolk, suffragist; **Drew Gilpin Faust** (1947–), Clarke County, historian and university president; **Mary Sue Terry** (1947–), Patrick County, attorney general; **Joann Hess Grayson** (1948–), Harrisonburg, psychologist and advocate for abused children; and **Claudia Emerson** (1957–), Fredericksburg, poet.

The influence and actions of these women have touched many realms of society across four centuries, including politics, education, civic activism, the protection of children, and the arts. They are featured on this year's handsome Virginia Women in History poster, issued in celebration of Women's History Month, and in the Library's 2009 Virginia Women in History panel exhibition, on display in the lobby of the Library of Virginia from March 2 through March 31, 2009. Traveling versions of the exhibition will visit public schools and libraries and other cultural institutions across the state. The Library has distributed this year's poster and learning activities to schools, libraries, and cultural institutions across the state.

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