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**MARY LOU CROCKETT NAMED 2003 RECIPIENT OF
FRITZ B. BURNS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

WESTCHESTER, CALIF., June 16, 2003—The Fritz B. Burns Foundation has named Westchester resident Mary Lou Crockett as the 2003 recipient of the Fritz B. Burns Outstanding Community Service Award.

The award is being presented on Friday, June 20, at the Westchester/LAX–Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce installation meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the Marina del Rey Marriott Hotel, 4100 Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey.

This is the 11th annual presentation of the Fritz B. Burns award. The award, commemorating Burns' own lifelong dedication to community-building, honors individuals who have served as outstanding role models for community leadership.

According to Crockett, the \$5,000 award money will be distributed to the Friends of the Library–Westchester/Loyola Village; the Westchester Fourth of July Parade; and the Westchester/Playa del Rey Historical Society. “These organizations are helping to stimulate the cultural life of our Westchester community and build up its coherence and continuity,” said Crockett. “They help create the kind of spirit that Fritz Burns was talking about when he spoke of building a ‘total community’”

Crockett was raised in Westchester, graduating from Westchester High School and UCLA. She has been in real estate since 1963, starting with the family firm of Otto Cripps Realty. The firm is now known as Cripps Crockett Connection and operates under the business umbrella of RE/MAX.

In 1996, Crockett entered the RE/MAX Hall of Fame. From 1992 to 2003, she has been the top sales producer in the Westchester/Playa del Rey office, and one of the top five producers company-wide for RE/MAX Beach Cities. She was recently awarded the RE/MAX Lifetime Achievement Award.

Crockett's many activities with community and business associations include:

- Member, Westchester/LAX–Marina del Rey Chamber of Commerce (since 1967).
- Co-founder of Community Plans, Inc., and President 1968–1974.

- Instrumental in getting noise standards for California airports.
- Co-founder of Friends of the Library–Westchester/Loyola Village
- President of the Board of Airport Commissioners, City of Los Angeles, 1980–1981, and member of the board, 1979–1984.
- President of the California Library Trustees and Commissioners, 1989–1990.
- Honorary Mayor of Westchester, 1989–1990.
- Commissioner on the City of Los Angeles Board of Library Commission, 1984–1993.
- Member, Loyola Marymount University Extension Advisory Board.
- Chairperson and founder, Westchester/Playa del Rey Historical Society, 1989–present.
- President, Westchester Vitalization Corporation.
- Instrumental in launching the Westchester Fourth of July Parade.
- Treasurer, Steering Committee, Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa del Rey.

Other local community organizations to which Crockett has given her support include the Westchester YMCA, Westchester Fire Station, Airport Marina Counseling Service, Los Angeles Police Foundation, Historical Society of Centinela Valley, Westchester Symphony Society, League of Women Voters, Friends of Ballona Wetlands, and Flight Path Learning Center.

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