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WNBA Honors Sen. Whitmer as ‘Inspiring Woman’

Inspiring Woman Award Honors Individuals Who Inspire Through Work, Family and Community

LANSING- Yesterday, State Sen. Gretchen Whitmer (D-East Lansing) was honored as an Inspiring Woman by the Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) during the league’s annual Inspiring Women ceremony in Detroit.

“I am honored and humbled to receive this award in the company of so many inspiring women,” said Whitmer. “As a mom and a public servant, I am familiar with the challenges that so many women face with juggling family and career. That is why it is so important to keep striving towards policies that support both.”

The WNBA Inspiring Woman Award honors an individual who inspires others through her commitment and dedication to work, family and community.

Previous winners of the WNBA Inspiring Woman Award include Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, WNBA All-Decade Team, Associate Medical Director, Center for Women’s Cardiovascular Health at Northwestern Memorial Hospital Dr. Martha Gulati, Founder and CEO of Athena Partners Trish May, and Founder and CEO eWomenNetwork, Inc. Sandra Yancey.

“Throughout her career, Sen. Whitmer has exemplified the leadership qualities that the WNBA celebrates among its players and fans,” said WNBA President Donna Orender. “Her passion and determination for her work in the state of Michigan has made her a truly inspiring figure to millions of women and young people nationwide.”

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