



Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center

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A Note of Thanks to Irene Jones

It has been my distinct pleasure to have known and worked with Irene Jones for almost 20 years. I first got to know Irene through our interactions at the Texas Chemical Council Safety Seminar. Over the years she and George have become personal and cherished family friends. Words cannot describe my gratitude to her for her friendship as well as her support of process safety activities in general and the activities of the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center in particular. Irene's commitment to process safety has always been very personal and sincere.

Within the context of improving safety in the process industry and making safety second nature, I and many others at the Center have had the pleasure of working with Irene on many issues. Her extensive knowledge of chemical process safety hazards has been instrumental in giving substance, content, and credibility to many of the activities of the Center. Throughout the industry, Irene not only enjoys the highest regard of practitioners and researchers, but also is equally well regarded by all stakeholders. Because of her knowledge, passion, and commitment to chemical safety, Irene Jones is sought after for input on important issues with regard to workplace safety in the chemical industry.

On a personal note, Irene has always been there with advice and support whenever I have sought it. As an example, I remember the time that I was contemplating my transition from industry back to academia. Naturally I was going through a lot of confusing thoughts and emotions as I was trying to make this major decision. One again, Irene's well thought out advice and input helped me make the transition. I am indebted to say that once the decision was made, she continued to help me and the Center each step of the way. I can say without reservation that my life and career has been enriched because of my interactions with Irene Jones. Her retirement will definitely be felt at Huntsman, the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center, and the process safety world at large. To remember her many contributions, I attach some pictures which speak for themselves.

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