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Welcome to the 20th anniversary of the HBA Woman of the Year Ceremony!

For two decades, we have come together to honor and recognize outstanding women leaders in healthcare.

For this truly momentous anniversary event, it is exciting that, for the first time in the history of the HBA, the 2,000 people here in the audience in New York City are joined together in a simultaneous broadcast to San Francisco, California.

Genentech is graciously hosting this simultaneous streaming of the Woman of the Year event. We have set the stage for bringing together people who are separated by geography, but united in the cause of advancing the leadership of women in healthcare worldwide. So welcome New York and welcome San Francisco, the site of the 2009 HBA Leadership Conference.

For our 20th anniversary, we are thrilled to welcome eight of our Women of the Year. As I read your name, please rise and remain standing until I have finished. And please hold your applause until I have introduced them all.

- Sarah Harrison, Lynn Gaudio, Maureen Regan, Kathy Giusti, Charlotte Sibley, Meryl Zausner, Lynn O'Connor Vos, Catherine Angell Sohn

Congratulations and thank you for your continued leadership and support of HBA!

Today in the audience, we also have 2,000 attendees and have over 100 HBA corporate partners represented. Our incredibly dedicated corporate partners continue to support us, even in these challenging times because they recognize that, by partnering with the HBA, they are best positioned

to attract, retain and develop their leaders, enabling them to be best positioned to achieve the results they strive for both today and tomorrow.

For some of you, this is your first WOTY; for others, it is an annual tradition. Seven years ago today I attended my first Woman of the Year event. I sat at the very back table, so to those of you in the back, listen up: What I am about to share shows that contrary to common logic, you do have the best seat in the house.

That day in 2002, there was not a dry eye in the house as Sarah Harrison, the 2002 winner, inspired us with her compelling message to leaders to reach out and help others. She said: "To whom much is given, much is expected" and challenged us with: "each one/reach one." She so inspired the group of us that had traveled up from the DC area and the idea to create a Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the HBA was born.

We decided to take our Woman of the Year's motto and, working together with the HBA, convert it to "each one/reach a whole new region of the country."

Consequently, countless individuals have benefitted from leadership development through the HBA in the Mid-Atlantic region, because of that WOTY luncheon. One year later, I was founder and president of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the HBA and, seven years later, I stand here on stage as the chair of this momentous anniversary event, as President-Elect of the HBA and as COO of MEDEX Global Group.

So to you in the back row, watch out! And pay close attention to Laurie Cooke's remarks when she shares the leadership initiatives the HBA is spearheading, because a year from now, you might be in charge of them.

Before we move to honoring our 92 Rising Stars, I would like to talk about the three individuals who will be recognized today: Deborah Dunsire, Alex Gorsky and Barbara Pritchard.

One is an avid downhill skier, one is a triathlete and one is marathon runner.

Despite their unique characteristics, they share a common bond. They are not just dedicated to their own leadership development as many are, but they have intentionally made cultivating leadership in

others a part of their philosophy. This includes advancing the leadership of their teams, their organizations and their HBA community. They also awaken dreams in us to advance to new heights, to have increased meaning, to make our lives and our careers about more than just reaching the next rung on a ladder. Each has given so much to the HBA and to HBA members.

I first met Alex Gorsky, our Honorable Mentor, at an HBA Advisory Board meeting in 2003. He is so deserving of this award that when it was announced that he was this year's winner, I, along with so many asked: "Didn't he already win that award?" He has given so much to the HBA and to women's leadership groups in his organizations, that his name is almost synonymous with the title "Honorable Mentor."

Speaking of synonymous, Barbara Pritchard is listed in the Thesaurus if you look up "HBA." She has guided so many careers, mine included.

And our Woman of the Year, Deborah Dunsire: We first met when we spoke on a panel together about our work in various countries and she said: "Working across cultures and boundaries makes my blood sing." Deborah, thank YOU for the transfusion of inspiration that you have given to so many.

And so, as we transition to the heart of our ceremony today, let me say that Alex, Deborah and Barbara, together with today's Rising Stars, have been selected to carry the torch of the last 20 years of WOTY into the future where, with your ongoing involvement, the HBA will continue to be *the* premier catalyst for women's leadership advancement in healthcare worldwide.

And now, I invite the HBA's Immediate Past President, Dr. Elizabeth Mutisya to help me in awarding this year's HBA Rising Stars.

Thank you.

Introduction of Rising Stars

This year's Rising Stars have been selected by the HBA's Corporate Partners for the important leadership qualities they have exhibited in their own organizations. Upon hearing her name, each awardee will stand and remain standing until all awardees have been named. Please hold your applause until the end.

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