

## RECOGNITION & COMMENDATION

An aviation pioneer, a member of the Mercury 13 astronaut training program,  
and American heroine,

# Gene Nora Stumbough Jessen

is honored for her courage in pushing limits and helping to pave the way  
for women to become astronauts in the space program.

In the spirit of exploration, she has demonstrated the willingness to be an example for women and girls everywhere, the determination to break stereotypes and the courage to pursue a dream. This kind of leadership and perseverance is noteworthy and rare.

To recognize these outstanding achievements, on the recommendation of its faculty and with the concurrence of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh grants Gene Nora Stumbough Jessen the degree of

**Doctor of Science, *honoris causa***

Given this twelfth day of May 2007.



Richard H. Wells  
Chancellor

