Ladies and Gentlemen, good afternoon, and welcome to this special annual occasion. Today, we gather here to honor an individual who has significantly impacted our lives and the DAPL community. This person has dedicated their time, energy, and passion to making a difference, and I am honored to make this introduction.

Born and raised in Lafayette, Louisiana, she had three older brothers and a younger sister, some of which, and like her father, influenced her interest in pursuing a career in the Oil and Gas industry. After graduating, she worked in various roles in the industry including some in the disciplines of Oilfield Chemicals, Safety training, as well as a role as an Executive Assistant. Early in her career she was exposed to numerous services and various facets of the industry, and she never hesitated when duty called for putting on her steel toes, and grabbing her hard hat, and at times, flying out to a rig.

Over these years, she gained extensive knowledge of our industry, which little did she know, was building the foundation for a career that was about to take off. In 2003, she and her husband transferred to Utah, where she met an influential mentor who would introduce her to the Oil and Gas Land business and who recommended her for a TCO position, in Denver, in 2005.

True to her character, she embodies the spirit of selflessness and compassion. She has consistently gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those in need without ever seeking recognition or praise. She has touched the lives of countless individuals in this room by treating employees, contractors, and clients with mutual respect and focusing on selfless service. She epitomizes servant leadership, as demonstrated by her superior mentorship abilities and commitment to developing the next generation of highly trained landmen.

In addition to her character, our honoree is also an exceptional leader. She has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to Her work, leading by example and inspiring others to follow suit. She participates in various community service duties, industry events, and charities that she feels are important for her to support. She is a reliable and dedicated supporter of industry organizations and associations and is generous with her time and monetary contributions. She also sits on the board of the Denver Petroleum Club. Eager to work on her leadership and management skills, she is an active member of the Vistage Group, where she collaborates with other executive business leaders, and is challenged for excellence. She is fiercely dedicated to adapting to the ever-changing industry demands and does not hesitate to roll up her sleeves to help the team meet and exceed client expectations.

Beyond her professional achievements, our honoree is a loyal friend and confidant to many of us. She possesses an innate ability to listen, understand, and offer guidance when needed. Her unwavering support and encouragement have helped countless individuals overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

In conclusion, standing before you all, to introduce this remarkable individual is an honor. Her humility, compassion, and unwavering commitment to making a difference are qualities that we should all strive to emulate. Please join me in recognizing and applauding this exceptional person for her outstanding contributions to our community and beyond, Pam Cortese.