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Ms. Wilma Mankiller
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Dear Ms. Mankiller:

I was delighted to meet you when you were inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame this past October. I represented the American Home Economics Association as our founder, Ellen Swallow Richards was receiving a similar honor. Our contact there made me think about how much you have in common with our profession.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that, on behalf of the 20,000 members of the American Home Economics Association, I extend an invitation to you to be the Keynote speaker for our 86th Annual Meeting, **June 24 - 28, 1995**, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Our members share many mutual objectives with you and we would very much like to have your participation.

It is our understanding that you usually do not consider confirming a speaking engagement until six months prior to the event. We are also aware that our Annual Meeting is the week following the Tribal Chief election for the Cherokee Nation. However, we hope that once you see how much we have in common, that you will realize what a difference your presence would make to our Annual Meeting.

Our mission is to effect the optimum well-being of families and individuals; we are inspired by your obvious commitment to children and families and your recognition that only an integrative focus will provide solutions to the complex everyday problems that challenge all of us.

Like you, we are committed to investing in the youth of today. AHEA has developed and implemented, along with Whirlpool Foundation, Children's World Learning Centers and Du Pont Corporation, Project Home Safe, a self-care, high quality alternative for latchkey children. Information on this project was published by over 400 newspapers and workshops to train trainers in this area were given to 24 national and 20 statewide associations.

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