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LA DONNA HARRIS, COMANCHE  
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GENERAL SUBJECT: SPEECH MADE AT GEARY, OKLAHOMA SPONSORED BY  
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IS MADE BY MAYOR OF GEARY, OKLAHOMA

INTRODUCTION:

Mrs. LaDonna Harris, wife of the United States Senator, Fred R. Harris, is well known for her civic and public work in Oklahoma and in Washington. Mrs. Harris is an enrolled Indian, in the Comanche tribe and has worked extensively with the problems of the Indians, and with the Indians encounter and their contacts with today's society. She is a member of the Task Force Six of the Joint Commission on Mental Health of Children. She is concerned with problems of social changes and innovations as they affect the development of mental health in children. Mrs. Harris was recently named chairman of the Advisory Committee on Poverty and National Committee of Women to strengthen the Anti-poverty program. Mrs. Harris started organizing the Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity Program in 1965 and served as president of O.I.O. until her appointment as Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Poverty Program when it became necessary for her to resign as president of O.I.O. She has been named honorary president for life and is vitally concerned with the organization which is evidenced by her being here this evening. Here is Mrs. Harris.

BRIEF BACKGROUND OF SPEAKER:

LaDonna Harris was born in February 1931, on a farm near Cache, Oklahoma.