MARY GOLDA ROSS

A statue based on the likeness of Cherokee Nation citizen and Native American aerospace engineer Mary Golda Ross was unveiled at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City on Feb. 23. Ross was the first known Native American woman engineer and the first female engineer at Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California.

The statue came about through OLAY and its partnership with Harper’s Bazaar and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

BY STACEY BOSTON

OKLAHOMA CITY - The likeness of Cherokee Nation citizen and Native American aerospace engineer Mary Golda Ross will forever be memorialized as a statue at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. The statue came about thanks to Olay, a company known for skin care products, and its partnership with Harper’s Bazaar and the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science in early February.

Olay hopes Mary Golda Ross’ statue will continue to inspire many generations of women from all backgrounds to face anything and explore STEM careers to one day achieve greater equality in STEM. “The plaque on Ross’ statue states, “Gave us the chance to show what we can believe in ourselves, and push to break through and create their own opportunities through hard work and perseverance,” said The Mary Golda Ross Trust in a press release. “This statue will remind the public of what is possible when they believe in themselves, and push to break through glass ceilings."

Ross was born in 1887 as Mrs. Richard W. Ross in Texas, and is the great-granddaughter of Cherokee Nation.

CN seeking citizen input on water quality issues

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BY STAFF REPORTERS

TALEBQARI - The Cherokee Nation is asking citizens living within the tribe’s 14-county reservation to participate in a water quality study as part of the Wilma M. Mankiller and Charlie Soap Water Act signed by Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. in May 2021. Under the Mankiller/Soap Water Act, at least $2 million in additional funding is being invested annually into improving access to clean water across the reservation, effectively doubling the amount Cherokee Nation spends from the tribe’s own revenues.


“Participants will be asked what type of water supply they have, whether they face any water quality concerns or problems such as low water pressures, and other water- and wastewater-related questions,” Chief Hoskin Jr. said in May 2021.

The survey takes approximately five minutes to complete and responses are anonymous. Participants will be asked what type of water supply they have, whether they face any water quality concerns or problems such as low water pressures, and other water- and wastewater-related questions.

The survey is accessible by visiting the Gadjul Portal at https://portal.cherokee.org and selecting “Applications” from the top, blue navigation bar. From the Application page, select “Water Survey” from the list of available programs.

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