

Please accept this letter as a nomination for Dottie Hindman, RN, CEN for the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Emergency Nurses Association. We are proud of her many accomplishments that make her an ideal recipient of this award.

Dottie has worked in Emergency Departments since her nursing career began in 1961 as a manager, staff RN, educator, preceptor and mentor. During that time she has educated and mentored countless nurses in emergency care, trauma management, disaster preparedness, legal aspects of emergency nursing, and infection control related to emergency nursing. Many new ED nurses have benefited from her experience and knowledge.

Dottie has been a member of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) since 1973. ENA has benefited from her dedication to nursing and the improvement of care to ill and injured patients. She chaired the first Blue Ribbon Commission (1981-1984) that seriously impacted the reorganization of ENA. Dottie has served as a delegate to the General Assembly for 28 years –always recognized with an interesting hat. In addition, she has chaired the Bylaws committee, and the Elections committee during her tenure. Her contributions and achievements have been acknowledged as a recipient of the Judith Kelleher Award and the Leadership Award both in 1984. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors (1988-1991). As part of her service to ENA, she has remained an active member of Florida ENA. She always has a kind word of encouragement, guides the meetings as an expert parliamentarian, and has supported and mentored new leaders of our state organization. Her wealth of knowledge regarding the structure, function, and history of the association has allowed FENA to grow and develop clinically and professionally.

As part of her contributions to the professional and clinical development of others, Dottie has written several articles for the Journal of Emergency Nursing (JEN) and ETCETERA. Her expertise included articles related to Moulage, Disaster Preparedness, and leadership.

Florida and its communities became a safer place for citizens with Dottie's leadership and expertise. In 1986 Dottie researched and authored the document "Survey of Medical Costs of Seatbelt Wearers Versus Non Seatbelt Wearers". Her research findings were presented to the Florida legislature and the seatbelt law was passed in the same year. Care for the trauma patient improved under Dottie's direction in South Florida as a member of the EMS Coordinating Council as the health systems agency to establish the trauma system criteria for the Florida Metro-Dade/Monroe counties from 1978-1981. Seatbelt wearing remains a law in our state saving countless lives since 1986. Trauma systems criteria bringing the most seriously injured to trauma centers across the state is used in EMS systems across the state. Dottie's early work has changed how lives are saved in Florida today.

Dottie's success as an emergency nurse, ENA member, and friend has made her invaluable member of Florida Emergency Nurses Association. We heartily recommend her as the recipient of the ENA's Lifetime achievement award.