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Statement of WAI President Dr. Peggy Chabrian on the passing of WAI Pioneer Mary Feik

We are deeply saddened to learn of WAI Pioneer Mary Feik's passing June 10, 2016. Mary, WAI #53, was a maintenance instructor for the US Army Air Corps, and later became the first woman engineer in R&D for the USAF Air Technical Service Command. She was a renowned ambassador for the Civil Air Patrol, the first woman to receive the FAA Taylor Master Mechanic Award, and recipient of the Katharine Wright Trophy. Mary was the 2014 inductee into the First Flight Society's Paul Garber Shrine at Wright Brothers National Memorial in Kitty Hawk, NC and was the recipient of many other honors and awards throughout her career.

I've known Mary for over 35 years and was always impressed with her love of aviation and her level of expertise on the aircraft she helped restore. Her work and involvement with youth through the Civil Air Patrol and her work in aviation education touched the lives of many.

She was an inspiration to WAI members and will be greatly missed by the WAI family.

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