

American Psychological Association

Presents This Presidential Citation To

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Gifted ventriloquist, award-winning puppeteer, vigorous public advocate, and skilled psychologist: For more than three decades your career has focused on the well being of children. Your alter egos Audrey Duck and Cat-a-Lion have taught millions how to deal with their fears and have reminded us that everyone makes mistakes, even kings.

You pioneered the use of puppets to help children heal emotionally from physical illness and abuse. You served as an elected public official. You brought your full talents to bear in the entertainment industry as a member of the American Federation of Television Radio Artists, and have won many media awards including a "Cindy," a "Hugo," and an "Emmy."

You helped to found the Campaign For A Commercial-Free Childhood, a national coalition of health care professionals, educators, advocacy groups, and concerned parents who counter the harmful effects of marketing to children through action, advocacy, education, research, and collaboration. You have focused sharp attention on the rights of children to grow up and the rights of parents to raise them-without undermining by rampant consumer manipulation.

If Audrey had the chance to speak today, she might paraphrase her famous remarks to King Friday XIII, "We've had some very special days, with feelings that were sad and glad. But now we know for sure these things: cutting commercials gives kids wings."

The American Psychological Association takes pride in acknowledging and applauding both your current efforts and your sustained career contribution focused on the public interests of our most vulnerable citizens by presenting you with this Presidential Citation.

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