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The Jack Webster Foundation Attn: Janet Mitchell

I am honoured to throw my whole-hearted support behind the nomination of Deborra Hope for the Shelley Fralic award.

I have known and worked with Deb for more than 30 years. As a journalist, Deb has been tireless in her pursuit of truth, balance and meaningful discourse.

During her years at BCTV/ Global, both as a reporter and an anchor, she was a fierce defender of the highest principles of journalism and story-telling that formed the foundation of the most successful television news programming in Canada. Deb never sought personal fame. Rather, she insisted that everyone, including writers, camera operators, editors and producers shared in the meticulous process of story-telling and were recognized for their efforts. She understood better than the most the value of the team in producing memorable and impactful content.

Deb was often called upon to mentor younger staff members. She balanced work and family with countless hours raising awareness for charitable organizations in British Columbia. She did all this while maintaining a wonderful sense of humour that was punctuated throughout the newsroom with her infectious laugh.

Deb is the ideal candidate for the inaugural Shelley Fralic award. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Wyatt

Former Sr. Vice-President News and Information, Global Television Network

Recipient, Jack Webster Foundation, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2008