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The Herb Society of America Awards Certificate of Appreciation

Kirtland, Ohio-Since 1933, The Herb Society of America (HSA) has been dedicated to promoting the knowledge, use and delight of herbs, through educational programs, research and sharing the experience of its members with the community for the past 75 years.

Dr. Loretta Dennis will be posthumously awarded The Herb Society of America's Certificate of Appreciation at the Annual Educational Conference and Meeting of the Members to be held at the Boston Marriott Long Wharf, June 26-29, 2008 in Boston, Massachusetts. The Certificate of Appreciation is awarded to an Herb Society of America member who has contributed a great deal personally to The Society or to those who have admirably completed a special assignment or project.

Before her death in February 2007, Dr. Dennis was a long time member and steadfast supporter of the Western Reserve Herb Society, a unit of The Herb Society of America and a member of the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Rhett worked with the Garden Center of Greater Cleveland staff and Trustees to create a strategic plan and a vision that lead to the current Cleveland Botanic Garden. Dr. Dennis' tireless devotion to The Society, her passion for herbs, her friendship and willingness to share her knowledge will be honored with this tribute.

Members from all over the United States and Canada will gather to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of HSA. The organization has its roots in the Boston area, growing from a study group of the seven originally from the New England area. They were motivated by the belief that much of the world's knowledge about useful plants had been forgotten and that herbs had declined to the level of a hobby among a few growers of old time gardens.

Membership to The Herb Society of America is open to anyone interested in herbs. Members enjoy benefits such as library access and borrowing privileges, discounts on merchandise, publications, reduced admission fees to public gardens associated with the American Horticultural Society's Reciprocal Admissions Program, educational opportunities and networking opportunities.

For additional information about membership, please contact The Herb Society of America at (440) 256-0514 or visit www.herbsociety.org.

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