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Telstra Business Women's Awards 1995

I am pleased to congratulate the 3 women who were category winners in the recent Telstra Business Women's Awards. The category of Business Owner was won by Di Skelly-Heron, the proprietor of Art Share. Di Skelly-Heron started her employment in

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1973 as a commercial artist for a company concentrating on travel and tourism promotion. She went into her own business in 1987 and, within a year, she held 4 major solo art exhibitions of a selection of prints and original artworks. In 1992, Di decided to expand Art Share from a marketeer and renter of original art into a publisher, marketeer and distributor of images from the original art to greeting cards and limited edition prints. Art Share now boasts over 360 retail customers in Australia and a growing list in America. Di has now become a very prominent identity through her bird and wildlife paintings.

The Private Sector Award was won by Johanne Thomas, the manager of the Hotel Darwin. Starting as the travel co-ordinator/manager for Later Years Travel in Queensland, Johanne was responsible for establishing monthly/daily activities for the organisation's members, including day and extended tours. Her role was to ensure appeal and guarantee value for members. Johanne then worked as the sales and marketing manager for Down Under Tours and Tangalooma Island Resort until September 1993 when she joined the Hotel Darwin as its sales and marketing manager. Johanne is responsible for the continued patronage of the Hotel Darwin which is critical to its success. I have another reason to be particularly pleased with the accomplishments of both Di Skelly-Heron and Johanne Thomas in that they both reside in the electorate of Port Darwin and I am their local member.

The Public Sector Award, the last of the 3 awards, went to the accomplished Jacqueline Healy, who is the director of the Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory, and I am pleased to make these remarks in support of her achievement in my capacity as Minister for Arts and Museums. In 1976, Jacqueline

Healy commenced her employment as a research officer with Treasury. Over the years, she worked in many positions, mainly related to human resources, until being made director of public programs at the National Gallery of Victoria in 1989 where she was responsible for the exhibition program, education services and marketing and public relations. She was appointed the director, Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory in 1993 and, since that time, the organisation has changed significantly, projecting a dynamic positive image combined with active and planned public programs and research activities.

I am pleased to be associated with the Business Awards through my involvement with the Department of Industries and Development, and I extend my best wishes and thanks to the organising committee and to its participants.

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