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Nominate other women professionals for this award in the future.

Good Afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen,

I want to begin by thanking Business Insurance Magazine for creating this award and for acknowledging the top women insurance and risk management professionals. Women have not always received this type of recognition so this award is meaningful for many reasons. It provides an opportunity to show the professional skill and the unique attributes women bring to this industry.

As one of the honorees this year I am especially thankful to receive the award this year. I’d also like to thank a couple of close business colleagues, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who use to work for me and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, who is a successor of mine as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I’ve very proud of the accomplishments of both of these women. As a recipient this year I am no driven to do even more in the future. I have always poured my whole heart into any endeavor but an award such as this gives the incentive to continue to do that, not only for myself, but also to encourage other women to step out and achieve success for their own hard work.

As we celebrate this year’s success for each other and for the industry I want to encourage each of you to think of some woman you know who meets the qualifications for this award and nominate her for next year. Think about her strong qualities, her business ethics, her business acumen and her insistence on good customer service for her clients. Business skills are imperative and insurance is a service industry so how she treats her clients is equal to her business talent. I know that you can think of several women who fit this and I trust you will nominate women who are up to the task.

Thank you all for your trust in me and your acknowledgement of my skills.