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**Equestrian Land Conservation Resource Presents Award to Eve Prime Fout**

The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource posthumously presented its “Coulda’, Woulda’, Shoulda’” Award to Eve Prime Fout on September 13th in Flint Hill, Virginia.

Eve Fout was a giant in the land-protection movement and horse sports in Virginia. She had deep roots in foxhunting and steeplechasing, and rode avidly in horse shows and cross-country events. Her love of foxhunting, she once said, helped develop an equally passionate facet of her character, her love of the Virginia countryside and her fierce determination to protect it. Mrs. Fout passed away in December 2007.

According to ELCR President and co-founder, Georgiana Hubbard McCabe, “Eve was an early supporter of ELCR and served on our original National Council. She was a visionary who understood the need for a nationwide effort to conserve land on the part of equestrians.”

The award was presented at the Piedmont Environmental Council’s (PEC) annual meeting. Chris Miller, President of PEC, accepted the award for the family.

From time to time, the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource recognizes a person or organization for outstanding leadership in promoting access to and conservation of land for equestrian use. The “Coulda’ Woulda’ Shoulda’” Award was created by ELCR as a result of a column highly respected eventing trainer Denny Emerson wrote for *The Chronicle of the Horse*:

*“Coulda’, ‘Woulda’, ‘Shoulda’, and ‘if only’ are the four great phrases of regret. If only horse people would act together and act soon, to help preserve the open land and trail systems that still remain in their communities, they would have less loss to regret in later years.”*

The goal of the award is to recognize leaders who actively engage in land preservation and access for horses and/or set an inspirational example for others to do the same. Ultimately, we all would like to go forward without having to fear the four great phrases of regret regarding land for horses and our equestrian lifestyle.

Previous “Coulda’, Woulda’, Shoulda’” Award recipients include Emerson in 1999, for his promotion of the issue, Anne Lange in 2002, Back Country Horsemen of America

leader, and the United States Pony Clubs in 2007, for recognizing the crisis and responding by instituting land conservation education in their curriculum.

**About Equestrian Land Conservation Resource (ELCR):**

ELCR, the only national not-for-profit organization assisting in the conservation of land for horses and horse-related activities, serves as a clearinghouse and resource for land and horse owners on issues related to good land stewardship, conserving land, and preserving horse access on public and private lands. For more information, visit <http://www.elcr.org>