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Lady Engineer Gets Honor

WILLIAMSBURG -- A Williamsburg, Virginia aerospace engineer who has distinguished herself in professional and civic activities has been named Virginia's Outstanding Young Woman of 1970.

Mrs. Barbara Jean Clarke Keating, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Howard Clarke of Athens, Georgia, was chosen from the many Virginia women included in the 1970 awards volume of Outstanding Young Women of America. She was nominated for this high honor by the Junior Woman's Club of Hampton.

Now in its fifth year, the Outstanding Young Women of America program is sponsored annually by leaders of women's organizations. Mrs. Dexter Otis Arnold, Honorary President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, heads a distinguished Board of Advisors which guides the program. Serving with Mrs. Arnold's Board are the national presidents of major women's organizations.

The purpose of Outstanding Young Women of America is to honor women between the ages of 21 and 35 who give of their time and efforts for the betterment of community, country and profession.

Mrs. Keating as an aerospace engineer has made several major space-age discoveries. She has been credited with the development of a rapid method of obtaining precise orientation of research events on standard star charts and has made the most accurate measure to date of the position of four stars.

The author of numerous published studies, Mrs. Keating is employed by NASA Research Center at Langley Field. She has received the NASA Special Service Award for her distinguished contributions. She was also presented the Outstanding New Member Award by the Junior Woman's Club of Hampton.

In addition to her professional activities, Mrs. Keating is president of the Peninsula Junior Presidents Study Group, secretary of the Board of Directors of the Hampton Association for Arts and Humanities and Dean of New Members of the Junior Woman's Club of Hampton.

She is a former member of the Langley Skywatch Astronomy Club and the American Institution for Aerospace and Astronautics.