

Proclamation



Maybelle Addington Carter

Whereas: Maybelle Addington Carter's skill and creativity as a member of the Original Carter Family caused her to be recognized as one of the premier instrumentalists in early country music. Her name was given to the guitar style that was to become known as "The Carter Lick," and,

Whereas: After the dissolution of the Original Carter Family, Maybelle's love of the music inspired her to establish the Carter Sisters, which group eventually joined the Grand Old Opry, and,

Whereas: Maybelle Addington Carter was one of the first commercially successful musicians to hold the autoharp on her chest, playing the strings above the chord bars, resulting in a sweeter tone, and,

Whereas: Maybelle Addington Carter adapted the "Carter Lick" to the autoharp, thus developing the "pinch, pluck" style that is the basis of most modern autoharp styles,

Therefore, let it be resolved that Maybelle Addington Carter be inducted with highest commendations as a charter member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So it is proclaimed on this, the First Day of July in the year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three.