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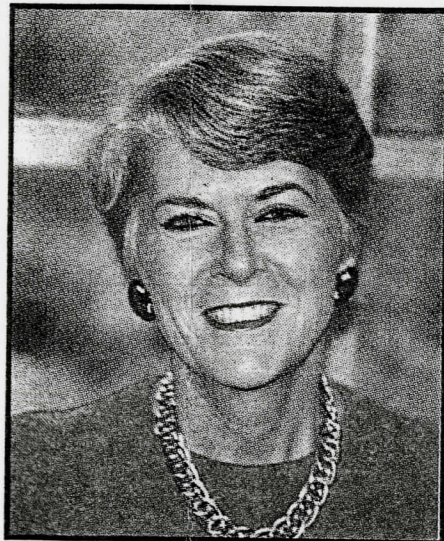
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Sister Cities International is proud to announce the recent appointment of Geraldine A. Ferraro to the Sister Cities International Board of Directors. Beyond her place in history as the first woman Vice Presidential candidate on a national party ticket, she brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the many tasks and objectives SCI has set out to achieve during the remainder of the 1990s.

Ms. Ferraro was first elected to Congress from New York's Ninth Congressional District in Queens in 1978 and served three terms in the House of Representatives. Her committee assignments in Congress included the Public Works Committee, Post Office and Civil Service Committee, and Budget Committee. Ms. Ferraro also served on the Select Committee on Aging where she was an advocate for the elderly, fighting proposed cuts in Social Security and Medicare.

In Congress, Ferraro spearheaded efforts to achieve passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. She also sponsored the



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Women's Economic Equity Act, which ended pension discrimination against women, provided job options for displaced homemakers and enabled homemakers to open IRA's.

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New Directions At USIA

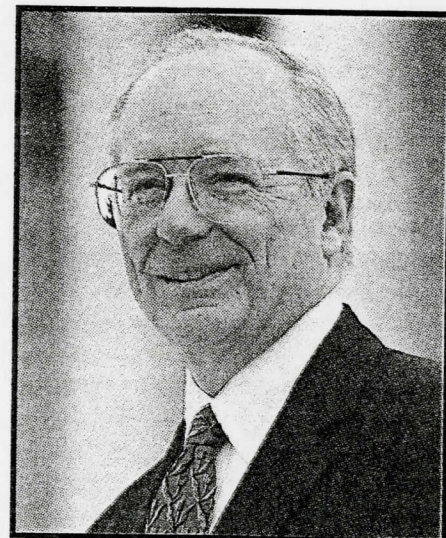
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The world is in a time of historic transition. No longer does ideology polarize nations and alienate people.

We who work to bring about understanding and productive relationships between peoples are important players at this historic moment. Like you at Sister Cities, we at USIA have been working hard to realize the possibilities of this amazing and uncertain time.

A few of our recent programs reflect the new world in which we find ourselves:

- The second class of Muskie Fellows — about 150 mid-level professionals from the former Soviet Union and the Baltics — is now studying economics, business, law, and public administration at 62 universities around the United States.
- The metropolitan editor of *The Oragonian* newspaper worked in Bucharest at the Romanian newspaper *Cotidianul*,



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None of these programs would have been possible ten years ago. The world has changed — but USIA's commitment to exchange programs as a vital part of American's public diplomacy has not.

Countries struggling to transform their economic and political systems are looking to the West for all kinds of infor-