The Admission of Women to Augusta National.

The admission of women to Augusta National is long overdue. The women who have been admitted owe a debt to those who have fought against the club’s discriminatory policy of excluding women.

Now every other private club in the nation that still excludes women solely on account of their gender should realize that they should open up the doors of private clubs to women and that they will pay a heavy price in the court of public opinion if they continue their discriminatory policies.

Equal rights for women must be demonstrated in deeds and not just in words. Women need to have access to these clubs so that they can network with others in business and enhance their economic, social and political opportunities.

I hope that the two women who have been admitted will now sponsor other women for membership and open up the doors of equal opportunity to them as well.

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