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I'm so proud of my dear friend Linda for receiving the American Women in Radio and Television's Silver Satellite Award. But I have to tell you I'm not surprised. I would be hard pressed to find anyone who deserves this recognition more -- for her personal and professional achievements as well as her efforts to improve the image and status of women in broadcast communications.

Linda has been tremendously successful in rising above the "glass ceiling" that still exists for so many talented women.

She has brought to the sitcom a humorous way of dealing with the serious issues facing women that others were afraid to touch. Her characters are smart, strong, successful and funny.

Linda's professional talent goes well beyond the sitcom format. When we were getting ready for the Democratic National Convention, it became clear we needed some way to portray just who Bill Clinton was and why he was right for our country. Bill and I turned to Linda and asked her to perform this impossible task: take 400 pages of script and hone it down to just 14 minutes of air time.

Well, she performed this miracle and she did it beautifully. I'm sure most of you remember the "The Man From Hope" video that brought the Convention to its feet. That video was the turning point of the convention.

On a more personal level, few people know Linda's efforts off the screen on behalf of women. Few know that Linda established the Claudia Company. Named after her mother, the Claudia Company keeps 56 women in college -- providing an opportunity for a better education they otherwise would not have had.

Bill and I are lucky to count her as our friend.

We love you Linda and congratulations from both of us.