



Mrs. Hoid Moulter receives an award in Topeka, Kansas from representatives of the United States Labor Department, the elected Kansas delegation in Congress, and the Kansas Legislature for her contributions to improving the status of household employees. September 1979.

Black Women on the Move, speech delivered by Mrs. Rosa Mayberry, ca. 1970.

a publication for household employees and employers

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

ABOUT HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT

The Topeka Household Technicians was established in 1975. An affiliate chapter of the National Committee on Household Employment, it sought ways to create an awareness of the value of household labor, to advance household work to that of a skilled vocation, and to establish training programs for household workers. Mrs. Reid Mounser served as president and director of the organization.

Letter from Margaret Costanza, assistant to the President, responding to Mrs. Reid Mounier's efforts to change the demeaning public image of household workers, October 31, 1977.

"Your observation that many workers became stigmatized because of their job titles is a valid one."

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Midwest Brief

I presented the household technicians, more commonly known as the "housekeepers," to the word technicians given its classification.

To have been the fortunate woman since the beginning of American history.

To have been the silent majority since slavery. The official statistics cite 3.3 million people household workers, or, as our official estimate is at least 3 to 4 million more, because there are very many who are not in the field income.

Many to live on, have to be supplemented.

Survive. Many of our women working at the

and various other jobs have to be brought

up of all household workers are women.

Some of these women would like to be able to

their families. We have not escaped the

kind of service, which is really in a

of caring for another person here.

We have been laboring under the stigma of

blind and our last.

The National Committee on Household Care

a code of standards also a model contract

a training program to upgrade the house-

through improved standards for working



Speech by Mrs. Reid Mounser, 1970s.

"I represent the household technicians, more commonly known as the Domestic Workers....We have been the invisible woman since the beginning of America....Many of our women working at the hospitals, nursing homes and various other jobs have to do household work to make ends meet....We desire to create a new understanding and appreciation on the part of the employers and to move the occupation into the realm of vocations for women and men."

The Domestic Worker

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