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REP. DIANE WINSTON PARTNERS WITH OFFICE DEPOT, DISTRIBUTES HUNDREDS OF BACKPACKS TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

(COVINGTON, LOUISIANA) – Louisiana State Representative Diane Winston (R-Covington) and Office Depot (NYSE:ODP) are pleased to announce that school children all over her district have been chosen to receive backpacks filled with school supplies as part of Office Depot’s 6th Annual National Backpack Donation program in partnership with the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL). The second of three events during which the backpacks will be given away will occur Wednesday, August 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Greater Starlight Baptist Church in Covington.

“This is a wonderful program started by Office Depot in 2001 in an effort to provide backpacks and school supplies to low-income children,” said Winston. “I am honored to have the opportunity to present these backpacks to the students who need them the most, especially after Hurricane Katrina which has strained family finances. This donation will allow the students to start the new school year with the resources they need to be successful in the classroom. As Louisiana’s Education Team Leader for the National Foundation for Women Legislators I must commend Office Depot on their efforts to make children’s lives easier when it comes to having basic school supplies, something many of us take for granted.”

The Office Depot National Backpack Program began in 2001 with 80,000 donated backpacks. In 2006, this program has been expanded to include 300,000 backpacks loaded with a pencil pouch that contains a pen, pencil, eraser, crayons, sharpener, glue stick, tissues and a ruler. This year marks a milestone as Office Depot will have placed more than 1,000,000 backpacks in the hands of children since the inception of the program.

This summer Office Depot will provide the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) with 20,000 backpacks for distribution by women elected officials nationwide. Office Depot will also partner with the National PTA, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Communities in Schools, Kids in Need Resource Centers SHOPA and Feed the Children. These organizations focus on education, domestic abuse and national disaster relief and will be able to distribute backpacks to children across the country and internationally.

“Children from low-income families or families who have suffered through a natural disaster do not need to worry about the stigma of not having school supplies,” said Winston. “This is a wonderful program and I look forward to working with Office Depot in the future on behalf of the National Foundation for Women Legislators.”

About the National Foundation For Women Legislators, Inc. (NFWL)

Through annual educational and networking events, the National Foundation for Women Legislators supports women legislators from all levels of governance. As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, NFWL does not take ideological positions on public policy issues, but rather serves as a forum for women legislators to be empowered through information and experience.

About Office Depot

With annual sales of nearly \$13 billion, no one sells more office products to more customers in more countries than Office Depot. Founded in 1986 and headquartered in Delray Beach, Fla., the company conducts business in 22 countries and employs nearly 50,000 people worldwide. Office Depot is an industry leader in every distribution channel – from retail stores and contract delivery to catalogs and e-commerce. North America, Office Depot has more than 870 retail stores in addition to a national business-to-business delivery network supported by 24 delivery centers, more than 60 local sales offices and 13 regional call centers. The company’s common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ODP and is included in the S&P 500 Index.

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