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LLWC Announces Women of Excellence Awards Recipients

Baton Rouge, Louisiana –The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus is pleased to announce the award recipients for its first Women of Excellence Awards. The Women's Caucus created this prestigious award in 2007 to recognize and honor extraordinary women of excellence across the state for their achievements and contributions. Each of the individuals nominated for an award were women of outstanding professional excellence.

One recipient was selected from each of the six categories. A panel of judges selected the award recipients based on background, accomplishments, contributions, community service, organizational involvement and media impact. Some of the judges were: Maxine Cormier – Louisiana Association for Justice, Sharon Kleinpeter – Cox Communications; and Liz Mangham – Southern Strategy Group.

The recipients of the first Women of Excellence Awards are:

Business:

- Loretta Harrison, Loretta's Authentic Pralines – New Orleans

Education & Research:

- Doris Voitier, St. Bernard Parish Schools – Chalmette

Health and Medicine:

- Dr. Karen B. DeSalvo, Tulane University School of Medicine – New Orleans

Law & Justice:

- Major Genevieve L. May, Louisiana State Police – Baton Rouge

Volunteerism & Civic Involvement:

- Kim Sport, United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area – New Orleans

Young Woman of Excellence (age 16 to 23):

- Catherine Elizabeth Rouchon – Clinton

Awards will be presented at the Women of Excellence Awards Gala on Saturday, March 8, 2008 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Contact the Women's Caucus Office at 225.342.0334 for ticket information.

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