

## Rep. Sydney Carlin honored with a Pacesetter Award from Women Legislators' Lobby in Washington, DC

Sydney Carlin joined hundreds of women state legislators from across the country last week in Washington, DC.

**WASHINGTON DC - (October 10, 2007)** Rep. Sydney Carlin just returned from a national conference in Washington, DC where she joined hundreds of women strategizing about how women can help change our national priorities and build a better future. "Women at the Table of Power" brought together luminaries, women state legislators, and women activists – all working to empower women to step up to the tables of power and make our country safer, more democratic, more respected.

Carlin was honored with the organization's Pacesetter Award: WiLL Pacesetters are recognized for their noteworthy legislative service, their contributions to sound, progressive policy, and their groundbreaking leadership in the states. Carlin was lauded for her commitment to excellence and a resolve that the voices of women of all races and stations in life are fully and fairly represented at the policy table. The Award was presented at a ceremony on Capitol Hill that also honored Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund.

The biennial conference is a project of Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) and Women Legislators' Lobby (WiLL). These organizations encourage women to run for office, and provide them with vital tools and information resources. Carlin was also recognized for her contributions as a State Director for WiLL, a national non-partisan network of women state legislators who work together to influence federal policy and budget priorities. "We are the wealthiest nation in the world. It's unconscionable we don't pay attention to those in real need," says Carlin. "We need to think of government as a vehicle for the common good."

At the conference, women from across the country shared ideas and strategies about how to move forward toward greater peace and security. Among those speaking were Marian Wright Edelman (founder and president, Children's Defense Fund), Ellen Bravo (founder, National 9 to 5), and many more. The following day the women headed to Capitol Hill, where they visited Members of Congress and lobbied about federal budget priorities and state issues.

