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COUNCILWOMAN DICKERSON SELECTED TO LEAD ELECTED WOMEN NATIONWIDE

(Richland County, SC) – Councilwoman Joyce Dickerson (D-Columbia) was installed as President of The Order, the membership arm of the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) during the Foundation’s recent Annual Conference, hosted in Atlanta, Georgia.

NFWL’s President and CEO, Robin Read, joined together with elected women from across the country to honor Councilwoman Dickerson’s many accomplishments, and laud her commitment to the Foundation’s mission of supporting elected women. Dickerson was chosen by women elected officials from across the nation to serve in The Order’s highest elected office.

Later this year, Dickerson will also be installed as Chair of NFWL, and will lead the Foundation’s efforts to celebrate and honor the 75th Anniversary of the Order, which was founded in 1938.

“It’s a tremendous honor to have my colleagues from across the country select me to serve as their leader. I look forward to this opportunity to make sure that we are identifying important policy initiatives and doing whatever we can to empower our elected women.” stated Dickerson.

Dickerson was first sworn into office to serve on Richland County’s Council in 2005 and is extremely committed to the constituents of District 2. As Councilwoman, she has been determined to promote better positive relations between citizens and county government, and to create economic development opportunities.

The Georgian native moved to Columbia, SC in 1975 with her husband and two children, where she has served the community for over thirty (30) years. Ms. Dickerson is a “grassroots” oriented who enjoys working with people regardless of race, creed, religion, sexual orientation or party affiliation.

She currently serves in numerous associations and committees including, but not limiting to the Richland County of the National Multi Modal Transportation Steering Committee (NMMTSC); the Essential Technology Committee; the National Association of Counties Leadership Network (WON) and the National Association of Counties (NACo).

Women’s issues are of vital importance to Councilwoman Dickerson. She has published the book: *“A Tribute to 101 Incredible Women Who Influenced My Life from My House to the White House.”* Moreover, she is a strong advocate for women to actively engage and participate in the politics that affect their daily lives; and, she was recently honored by the American Association of University Women in support of “advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe.”

“We are so proud of Councilwoman Dickerson and all that she has accomplished. We are looking forward to her leadership in The Order, and I know she will work hard to bring important issues to the forefront of NFWL’s policy agenda this year as well,” stated Read.

Dickerson begins serving in her new position immediately, and will hold this office through 2013, when the Foundation hosts NFWL’s Annual Conference next fall in Washington, D.C., and celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

Elected women from across the nation gathered at NFWL’s 74th Annual Conference November 15-19, 2012 in Atlanta, to identify effective solutions to some of the nation’s most pressing issues. NFWL Conferences provide a non-partisan environment that encourages dialogue and information-sharing, legislators are able to build coalitions, share the concerns of their constituents, and highlight initiatives that have been successful within their own state.

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

Through annual educational and networking events, the National Foundation for Women Legislators supports elected women 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. www.womenlegislators.org

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