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State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth Honored by Concerned Women for America of California

On Saturday, February 28, Concerned Women for America of California (CWA) awarded State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth (R-Murrieta) their State Legislator of the Year Award 2008. The award was presented for his vocal support and actions in public office for the core issues that are the focus of CWA. The award was presented to the Senator at CWA of California's 2009 State Conference in Pasadena, California.

In the midst of California's current budget crisis, Sen. Hollingsworth has recently been chosen to lead the California State Senate Republican Caucus. He has acted as President of the Proposition 22 legal defense fund protecting traditional marriage in California. "The passage of Prop 8 was an incredible grassroots victory and Sen. Hollingsworth's leadership was invaluable in achieving this goal," stated Director of Legislation Penny Harrington, "We are pleased to honor with this award his stalwart support for the institution of marriage, as well as his other fine work at the State Capitol."

Sen. Hollingsworth has been an outspoken advocate for tough laws against child predators and has created "Safe Teams" to assist law enforcement agencies in tracking violent offenders.

The Senator has played a significant role in advancing Fragile X Awareness Day into an annual event in Sacramento to raise awareness about this inherited genetic condition. Fragile X is the most common cause of inherited mental impairments and is the leading known cause of autism.

Sen. Hollingsworth has been a strong voice for accountability in our schools and believes that teachers who excel should be rewarded. He authored proposed legislation to require our children to study the U.S. Constitution in school, which would provide them the opportunity to learn the true price of freedom.

Legal immigration has been a top priority for Sen. Hollingsworth. He has called for better cooperation with federal border control officers to enforce our nation's immigration laws, while also calling for state lawmakers to block aid to so-called "sanctuary" cities that knowingly ignore federal immigration laws by turning a blind eye toward illegal immigration.

Sen. Hollingsworth has consistently fought against government waste and inefficiency, while leading opposition to billion dollar tax increases.

All of these areas of concern are included in Concerned Women for America's (CWA) six core issues: sanctity of life, religious liberty, national sovereignty, definition of the family, pornography and education. CWA has 42,000 members in California and more than 500,000 members nationwide.

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