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GLEND A HOOD RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS MARY HARRIMAN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) Recognizes Junior League of Greater Orlando Member for Exceptional Volunteer Service to the Greater Orlando Community

SAN DIEGO, CA – May 2, 2008 – Former Florida Secretary of State and Orlando Mayor, Glenda E. Hood, is a woman committed to making a difference. Not only does she work to create positive change at the governmental level, but she is also a lifelong volunteer and dedicated Junior League leader. It is her history of innovative leadership in the public and private sector as well as her many efforts to bring people together to improve communities that have earned her The Association of Junior Leagues International Inc.'s highest honor: the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award. Hood received the award during the 86th AJLI Annual Conference at today's luncheon sponsored by Talbots at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina.

"Glenda has dedicated her entire adult life to putting citizens first and providing strong and compassionate leadership to those in the Greater Orlando community," said Betsy Thompson, Talbots Director, Public Relations. "Her hard work and giving spirit have set a wonderful example within the Greater Orlando community and for women volunteers everywhere, and we congratulate her on receiving this year's Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award."

In 1982, Hood became the youngest President of the Junior League of Greater Orlando, Florida, with the Presidential theme: "A Sense of Community." Hood's community-oriented perspective contributed to the League's role in the award-winning Hospice Project, Orlando's success in various arts, cultural and historic preservation efforts and the awareness-building initiatives of the League's Diversity Training Network. She served three terms as the first elected woman Mayor of Orlando and was appointed as Florida Secretary of State by Governor Jeb Bush in 2003.

"Glenda Hood's life work reflects the very spirit of voluntarism exemplified by New Yorker, Mary Harriman, the founder of the very first Junior League," said Sandi Kemmish, President of the Association. "Her passionate leadership and commitment to meeting community needs are reflections of the foundation on which The Junior League Movement was built."

It has been said of Hood's leadership style, "what you see is what you get." And it is this authentic and unaffected approach that has made Hood a successful volunteer and servant leader. In addition to developing a number of important programs in the Orlando community – within and outside the Junior League – Hood has also served as President of the National League of Cities, President of the Florida League of Cities, Chairman of the Board of the Florida Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the national organization of Partners for Livable Communities and is currently Chair of the Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council's Administration Transition Task Force. Glenda's progressive vision and inclusive nature have helped her build partnerships for trade and investment among countries in Latin

America, Asia and Europe for the state of Florida. She also has made a lasting impact on the Junior League of Orlando's diversity, effectiveness as a volunteer organization and relevance in the community.

Outside of her League and political work, Hood is currently President and CEO of her own business development and consulting firm, Hood Partners LLC. She has helped create and been a part of a number of special programs including the American Council of Young Political Leaders, the Society of International Business Fellows and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She speaks regularly on topics of smart growth, international business, the arts and women's issues and works with the Urban Land Institute and the Alliance for Regional Stewardship.

Throughout her career Hood has received many honors, including the American Community Network's "Leadership Award for Economic Excellence," the American Red Cross "Spotlight Award," the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) "Humanitarian Award" and the National Jewish Fund's "Tree of Life" award.

As the 2008 recipient of the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award, named after the founder of The Junior League Movement, Hood joins a long line of Junior League leaders who have received the honor since 1990. Past recipients include the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice; Martha Rivers Ingram, chairman of Ingram Industries, Inc.; and former Missouri State Senator Betty Sims.

"The significant contributions that Glenda Hood has made to The Junior League and to her community prove that the legacy of Mary Harriman is alive and well," said Elizabeth Culpepper, President of The Junior League of Greater Orlando. "We are very proud that one of our own is being honored with the highest award given within our Association to an individual member."

Glenda E. Hood was recognized at the Mary Harriman Community Leadership Award Luncheon, which is sponsored by Talbots. This was one of the major events at the 86th Annual Association of Junior Leagues International Conference attended by over 750 delegates from Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States on April 30-May 3.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1901 by New Yorker, Mary Harriman, the Junior Leagues are charitable organizations of women committed to voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Association of Junior Leagues International is made up of 293 Junior Leagues in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom and the United States. Together, they are one of the largest international volunteer organizations for women interested in making a positive impact in their communities. For more information, visit the website www.ajli.org.

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