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FEW Releases Scorecard for 111th Congress First Session; Unprecedented Number of Perfect Scores

(Washington, D.C.) – Federally Employed Women (FEW) has released the results of its scorecard for the first session of the 111th Congress. “We are so very pleased with the large number of perfect scores in the House and 90% scores in the Senate, announced Sue Webster, FEW’s National President. “We want to send a heartfelt and grateful thank-you to these legislators for all their support of federal workers in general and federally employed women in particular,” Webster added.

An unprecedented 52 legislators in the House of Representatives scored a perfect 100%. Of those, four are being honored for the second consecutive year [**Reps. Wm. Lacy Clay (MO-1), Dennis Kucinich (OH-10), Zoe Lofgren (CA-16) and Jim McGovern (MA-3)**] and an astounding four are on the list for the third successive year [**Stephen Cohen (TN-9), Elijah Cummings (MD-7), Kendrick Meek (FL-17) and John Sarbanes (MD-3)**]. On the Senate side, nine Senators scored an impressive 90%, seven of whom are being honored for the second consecutive year. To view the entire list of Honorable Legislators and rankings of all legislators, click here - <http://www.few.org/docs/legislative/FEWScorecard111.pdf>.

Based on ten votes and co-sponsorships, each legislator earned 10 percentage points for acting in concert with FEW’s views. “The issues chosen were those of most importance and priority for FEW members,” stated Cecelia Davis, FEW’s National Vice President for Congressional Relations. “Among the priorities were Paid Parental Leave, the Equal Rights Amendment, GPO/WEP Repeal and Equal Pay,” Davis explained.

Copies of individualized Press Releases have been sent to the offices of all the Honorable Legislators for their use. “We truly want to honor these legislators for their support,” said Janet Kopenhaver, FEW’s Washington Representative. “Through local media, we want all their constituents to know about their great support of the federal workforce,” she added.

FEW is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 after Executive Order 11375 was issued that added sex discrimination to the list of prohibited discrimination in the federal government. FEW has grown into a proactive organization serving more than one million federally employed women – both in the military and civilian workforce. For more information on FEW, visit www.few.org.

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