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Simpson selected to join Foreign Policy Institute A Program of the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, DC

INDIANAPOLIS – State Senator Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), a nationally recognized leader on women’s issues, is a member of the Class of 2007 of the Center for Women Policy Studies’ Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators. The Institute is the first such program in the United States to focus specifically on preparing state legislators as policy leaders on US foreign policy and its impact on women and girls worldwide.

Simpson will attend the Institute from September 16 to September 20, 2007 in Washington, DC. “This is an opportunity to enhance my knowledge of women’s issues in Indiana and across the nation with a global perspective,” Simpson said. “As a long-time advocate for health, education, and the eradication of poverty, I look forward to learning more about how U.S. foreign policy affects women and girls throughout the world. The reality is that these issues affect women everywhere, and awareness builds effectiveness in our advocacy.”

The Institute curriculum addresses many of the issues that the Center for Women Policy Studies has addressed in the context of domestic policy and that Simpson has advocated in state policy including reproductive rights and health, HIV/AIDS prevention and access to care, ending violence against women and girls, combating international trafficking of women and girls, ensuring equal educational and employment rights and opportunities, confronting women’s poverty worldwide, and expanding women’s political participation and leadership.

“Participation in the Institute helps concerned state legislators to take on a global vision and global leadership to improve the lives of women and girls worldwide as well as in their own states and in our nation,” said Center President Leslie R. Wolfe.

Institute participants are a bipartisan group of state legislators who share a commitment to women’s human rights and who participate in the Center for Women Policy Studies’ Contract with Women of the USA® State Legislators Initiative.

The Center for Women Policy Studies, founded in 1972, is a national, nonprofit, multiethnic policy institute that promotes policies that improve women’s lives and ensure women’s human rights. To learn more about the Center’s programs, visit the website at www.centerwomenpolicy.org.

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