



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Ruth Hassell-Thompson

## New York State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson Tapped for Leadership Position

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – New York State Senator Ruth Hassell-Thompson (Senate District 36, D/WF) has been selected to serve in leadership for the nation’s oldest organization addressing the needs of elected women at all levels of government.

Senator Hassell-Thompson was recently elected to serve as the New York State Director for the National Order of Women Legislators (NOWL), which was founded in 1938 and serves as the membership arm of the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL), at the 2011 NFWL Annual Conference, this year hosted in Des Moines, Iowa.

“I am honored that my colleagues from across the nation have selected me for this esteemed position within the Foundation’s leadership. I look forward to building stronger relationships with elected women throughout New York State and across state lines. The National Foundation for Women Legislators offers many important programs and initiatives for women to learn about and use to assist their own constituents,” stated Senator Hassell-Thompson.

Hundreds of elected women gathered in Iowa August 11-15 for NFWL’s Annual Conference to identify effective solutions to some of the nation’s most timely and pressing issues. Providing a non-partisan environment that encourages dialogue and the sharing of information and experiences, women leaders are able to build coalitions, share the concerns of their constituents, and identify out-of-the-box solutions to the most pressing issues facing their communities today.

“We are so proud of Senator Hassell-Thompson and all that she has accomplished,” stated Robin Read, NFWL’s President & CEO. “We are looking forward to her leadership in the Foundation and I know she will make this year one of the most exciting and productive years that NFWL has seen.”

**Senator Hassell-Thompson** begins serving in her new position immediately, and will hold this office through 2012, when the Foundation hosts NFWL’s Annual Conference next fall, November 15-19, 2012 at a location to be named shortly.

**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.

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