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ANA WELCOMES NEW ADMINISTRATION, NEW CONGRESS

SILVER SPRING, MD –The American Nurses Association (ANA) is celebrating a number of successes in the 2008 election. ANA looks forward to working with the new administration and new lawmakers to affect positive change for nurses and the patients we serve.

Many advocates of health care and nursing priorities were elected to the U.S. Congress on Tuesday. Although there is one race still to be decided, 88 percent of the candidates endorsed by ANA's Political Action Committee (PAC) board will be serving in the 111th Congress.

Numerous proponents of health care were elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, including Debbie Halvorson (D-IL) and John Adler (D-NJ). They will be joining re-elected Reps. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), a licensed practical nurse, who was first elected in 1996 and Lois Capps, RN (D-CA), who took office in 1998, and Steven LaTourette (R-OH). There were also key races won in the U.S. Senate by ANA-PAC-endorsed candidates who have a strong background in promoting health care and nursing issues. They include those elected to the Senate for the first time: Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR), as well as Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL) who was re-elected to a third term.

ANA would like to gratefully acknowledge the nurses and CMAs across the country that devoted time and effort to supporting candidates who value the nursing profession and health care reform.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent member nurses associations, its 23 organizational affiliates serving 330,000 members of national nursing specialty organizations, and its workforce advocacy affiliate, the Center for American Nurses. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.