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National Council for Research on Women Announces 2008 *Making A Difference for Women* Awardees: Craig – Faust – Hatchett and Weldon

New York (February 15, 2008) – The **National Council for Research on Women** announced that it will be honoring four leaders from business, academia, and public service during its 2008 Annual *Making a Difference for Women* Awards Dinner to be held on Thursday, February 21st at Cipriani Wall Street.

The Honorees will include **Pamela Craig** Accenture’s Chief Financial Officer, **Drew Faust**, President of Harvard University, **Judge Glenda Hatchett**, Author/TV Host, and **William C. Weldon**, Chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson.

Hosted by CNN Anchor and Special Correspondent **Soledad O’ Brien**, the Awards Dinner will bring together a stellar array of experts and advocates from the Council’s network of 115 research and policy centers, as well as influential leaders from the business world, the philanthropic sector and academia.

“We are thrilled to honor practitioners of **transformative leadership**. This year’s honorees not only demonstrate how individuals can become agents of change, but they inspire others through groundbreaking policies and innovative solutions that make society, the workplace, and educational institutions more equitable and hospitable not only for women and girls, but for men and boys too,” said Council President Linda Basch.

By honoring William C. Weldon, the Council seeks to emphasize the difference that men in senior management can make when they promote women’s ascension into key positions of leadership. **Steven Reinemund**, who was recognized in 2007 for placing women in line to succeed him at the helm of PepsiCo, will present Mr. Weldon with his award. Other presenters include President Emerita of

Bennet College and Spelman College **Johnnetta Cole** who will present the award to Judge Hatchett, and **William D. Green**, Chairman and CEO of Accenture, who will present the award to Pamela J. Craig.

The *Making a Difference for Women Awards* are presented to individuals or organizations that have made a difference in the lives of women and girls, through extraordinary achievements and through courageously challenging the status quo. Past honorees have included feminist leader **Gloria Steinem**, former President **Mary Robinson** of Ireland, activist playwright **Eve Ensler**, legendary actress **Ruby Dee** and the **WNBA**, among others.

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Honoree Bios:

Pamela J. Craig, Chief Financial Officer, Accenture

Pamela J. Craig is Chief Financial Officer of Accenture and a member of Accenture's Executive Leadership Team. Previously, she was senior vice president–Finance, and a group director–Business Operations & Services. She led the launch of Accenture's Communications & High Tech operating group's women's initiative and the company's first women's program in Japan. Pamela also spent more than 20 years in consulting, working for companies in the consumer products, communications, media and other sectors. She works closely with Manhattan Comprehensive Night & Day School and serves on the boards of Junior Achievement in New Jersey and the Delbarton School. She is also a member of C200 and has been named one of the Top 100 Women in Corporate America. Pamela holds an MBA from New York University and a BA in economics from Smith College.

Drew Gilpin Faust, President Harvard University

An award-winning historian and professor of History, she previously served as founding dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2001-2007) and was formerly the Annenberg Professor of History and director of the Women's Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania. She is the author of six books, including *Mothers of Invention: Women of the Slaveholding South in the American Civil War* (1996), for which she won the Francis Parkman Prize in 1997. Her latest book is *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War* (2008). She has served on numerous editorial boards and selection committees, including the Pulitzer Prize history jury in 1986, 1990, and 2004.

Judge Glenda Hatchett, Author & TV Host

After graduating from Emory University School of Law and completing a clerkship in the U.S. Federal Courts, Glenda Hatchett worked for Delta Air Lines, becoming the company's highest-ranking African-American woman in her dual position as senior attorney and Manager of Public Relations. She later returned to public service serving as Chief Presiding Judge of the Fulton County, Georgia Juvenile Court. Currently, Glenda Hatchett presides over the syndicated program, *Judge Hatchett* (Sony Pictures Television), and is author of the best-selling, *Say What You Mean, Mean What You Say!* (HarperCollins). She serves on numerous Boards, including for the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA's Ethics, Compliance, and Patients' Safety Committee) and the Atlanta Falcons Football Organization.

William C. Weldon, Chairman and CEO, Johnson & Johnson

William C. Weldon has been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson & Johnson since 2002. He joined Johnson & Johnson in 1971 in the sales and marketing department of its McNeil Pharmaceutical subsidiary. In 1998, Mr. Weldon was promoted to the executive committee and named worldwide chairman, pharmaceuticals group. Mr. Weldon serves on numerous boards and advisory bodies, including for JPMorgan Chase & Co. He chairs the CEO Roundtable on Cancer, is vice chair of The Business Council and a member of The Sullivan Commission on Diversity in the Health Professions Workforce. Mr. Weldon also serves on the Liberty Science Center Chairman's Advisory Council and as a member of the board of trustees of Quinnipiac University.

Soledad O'Brien, CNN Anchor and Special Correspondent

Soledad O'Brien is an anchor and special correspondent for CNN: Special Investigations Unit, reporting hour-long documentaries throughout the year and filing in-depth series on the most important ongoing and breaking news stories for all major CNN programs. Soledad joined CNN in July 2003 as the co-anchor of the network's flagship morning program, American Morning. She has distinguished herself for her award-winning reporting following Hurricane Katrina, the tsunami in Phuket, Thailand and for her role in the documentary on Martin Luther King Jr. and her ongoing initiative titled "Children of the Storm," which provides video cameras to young Hurricane Katrina survivors. Soledad previously worked for NBC News, Weekend Today, the Today Show and NBC Nightly News. Soledad is a graduate of Harvard University with a degree in English and American literature.