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Senator Ragan receives Hoover “Uncommon Public Service” award

WEST BRANCH, IOWA – March 20, 2013 – The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association in West Branch awarded on Wednesday, March 20th the annual Hoover Uncommon Public Service Award to State Senator Amanda Ragan of Mason City. The announcement and presentation took place at the Iowa State Capitol.

The award commemorates Iowa native Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States, and his diligent, humanitarian efforts that saved nearly a billion lives from the devastations of WWI and WWII.

Senator Ragan has worked to pass legislation to better the lives of children, the elderly, low income and disabled Iowans. She is respected on both sides of the aisle and works in a bipartisan, cooperative and collaborative manner.

Dr. Debra Derr, president of North Iowa Area Community College, made the following comments while nominating Senator Ragan for the award: “North Central Iowa is so fortunate to have Senator Ragan represent us. Her commitment to education and to our communities provides us with a strong and constant voice. She has supported community colleges and truly understands our mission. She ties what NIACC can do for its communities with economic and workforce development.”

In the Senate, Senator Ragan quickly became a leader. Her peers chose her to serve as an assistant majority leader in 2002, a position which she continues to hold. Senator Ragan is currently chair of the Senate Human Resources Committee, Vice Chair of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, and also serves on Appropriations, Natural Resources and Environment, Rules and Administration and Veterans Affairs Senate committees.

Outside the Legislature, Sen. Ragan works as executive director of Meals on Wheels and of Community Kitchen of Northern Iowa. She is married to Jim Ragan and has two grown children and four grandchildren.

The Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association is a non-profit organization that partners with the Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and the Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch. Programs are funded entirely by private donations.

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