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**COMMITTEE FOR COUNTY PROGRESS TO POSTHUMOUSLY  
HONOR CATHY CONNEALY AT LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP EVENT**

The Committee for County Progress (“CCP”) will posthumously honor Cathy Connealy as the recipient of the CCP’s Third Annual Harry Wiggins Public Service Award. The Hon. Kay Barnes will present Cathy Connealy’s former law partners at Slough, Connealy, Irwin & Madden with this award at its Legislative Wrap Up event on **Wednesday, May 28, 2008** at the Pi Gallery, 419 E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street. The End of Session event is held annually and allows for CCP members and guests to learn directly from Jackson County’s Democratic legislators the highlights of the term in Jefferson City.

“Cathy’s work for affordable housing, battered women, the Women's Political Caucus, gay and lesbian rights and other progressive causes and candidates made Kansas City a better place for everyone. We are proud to recognize Cathy's life long efforts to protect and advance human rights. Through her work with these organizations, Cathy was a passionate voice for those citizens who are often ignored in our society," said CCP President, Stephen Bough.

The Committee for County Progress created this award in 2005 in honor of Missouri State Senator Harry Wiggins, who dedicated his life to promoting the public welfare as an assistant United States Attorney, state supervisor of the Department of Liquor Control, Western Judge of the Jackson County Court, General Counsel to the Missouri Public Service Commission, and, of course, as the Senator from the 10th District. Prior recipients are former State Representative Marsha Campbell and Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, II.

Founded in 1964, the Committee for County Progress was established to reform and restructure Jackson County government. In furtherance of its mission to “Keep Reform Alive,” it recruits, screens and supports progressive Democratic candidates for office, and works to further the party’s commitment to promoting excellence in public service. CCP is also a leader in hosting candidate debates, public forums on ballot and other issues, and in working to be a resource to progressive Democrats everywhere. To learn more about the CCP or the legislative Wrap Up event, please visit our web site at <http://www.committeeforcountyprogress.org/>