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Grey House Publishing announces the Third Edition of *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues*

Grey House Publishing is proud to announce the publication of the Third Edition of *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues*. A valuable reference, *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues* provides an overview of American women's roles in politics, with a look at the women themselves through profiles of the legislation they helped craft and a review of the issues of debate in which they participated.

It is undeniable that women's participation in government and politics is a classic American rags-to-riches story, and an ongoing one at that. From the earliest days of our nation's formation, women have struggled and fought for greater participation and consideration in the political arena. Historically thought of and treated as second-class citizens, many intelligent, brave and persistent women have contributed to the breaking down of barriers keeping women from realizing their true potential as an informed, powerful and active force in American society and politics. Today, fourteen women Senators and sixty-seven women Representatives serve in Congress, more than ever before. In the 2006 elections, twelve new women were elected to Congress, with at least three more soon to join the ranks once the results of five undecided races are tallied. Along with these new members, fifty-seven women were re-elected to the House of Representatives, and six women were re-elected to join the eight women Senators who are mid-term. The total number of women in Congress will top eighty-six, thus setting a new record for women's participation in government. Additionally, in 2007 nine women will serve as Governors. The biggest news from the 2006 elections is the pending advancement of Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) into position as Speaker of the House of Representatives, thus standing third in line for the presidency.

While these numbers may seem to be small percentages of the total number of members of Congress, they represent an exponential increase over the last twenty-five years. In 1979, for example, there was only one woman in Congress and only one woman governor. Political experts have even begun to speak realistically about the possibility of a woman President (an idea that seems more likely than ever with the upcoming advancement of Rep. Pelosi), with many agreeing that Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D- NY) has the best chance of election seen by any woman in American history.

It is at this juncture that we are pleased to present this two-volume 2013 Edition, featuring updated and expanded profiles, as well as the addition of many new entries.

From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues begins with two forewords, one by former Texas governor and Democratic powerhouse Ann Richardson (sadly, recently deceased), and the other by Sen. Susan M. Collins (R-ME), Chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. Following the forewords are the entries. Entries in Volume 1 range from A to N, and include such important figures as: Abigail Adams, Madeleine Albright, Donna Brazile, Rachel Carson, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Angela Davis, Andrea Dworkin, Betty Friedan, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Julia "Butterfly" Hill, Molly Ivins, Coretta Scott King, Wilma Mankiller, and Carol Moseley Braun. Volume 1 also features entries on: American Civil Liberties Union, Black Women's Health Imperative, Concerned Women for America, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972, Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Feminist Majority Foundation, RU-486 (Mifepristone), Ms. Magazine, National Organization for Women, and National Woman Suffrage Association.

Volume 2 contains entries from O to Z, including biographical sketches of: Sandra Day O'Connor, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Rosa Parks, Nancy Pelosi, M. Jodi Rell, Janet Reno, Condoleezza Rice, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Gloria Steinem, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Tubman, Christine Todd Whitman and Mary Wollstonecraft. Other entries cover topics such as: Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, Peace Movement, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, Quaker Women, Racial Discrimination, Roe v. Wade, Seneca Falls Convention, Sex Discrimination, Triangle Shirtwaist Company Fire, Violence Against Women Act of 1994, 2000 and 2005, and Women's Liberation Movement.

Volume 2 also contains two Appendices. The first is an appendix of documents, which has nearly doubled in size since the previous edition. It is divided into thirteen sections and covers topics like: Setting Political Agendas, Woman Suffrage, Equal Rights Amendment, Confronting Racism and Discrimination, Women's Reproductive Lives, Women and Work, and The Justice System and Women. These sections are made up of reproductions of articles, speeches, declarations, announcements, open letters and other assorted documents that make up the canon of American political thought as it relates to women, from all eras of history. Relevant documents from Appendix 1 are referenced throughout the book at the end of entries, making it easy to use them as supplemental material.

The second appendix contains a Chronology, a Bibliography and an Index. Both the Chronology and the Bibliography have been extensively updated and expanded for this new second edition.

Given that many of the entries in *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues* deal with controversial issues, every effort has been made to present these topics without prejudice. In order to do so, the editor has used the language and terminology favored by the group to describe itself and its positions on issues.

As you can see, this 2-Volume, 850-entry set is a thorough and comprehensive compendium of biographies, court cases, legislation, organizations and movements that have been undertaken by and for American women. This thorough reference resource will be an indispensable addition to any library and will enrich any curriculum, whether taught by a university women's studies department or a high school American history teacher.

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