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**Senator George Voinovich Honors Nancy L. Burley as an *Angel in Adoption*[™]
To Be Recognized at National Event in Washington, DC**

Sen. Voinovich has selected Nancy L. Burley LISW-S as a 2010 *Angel in Adoption*[™] for her outstanding advocacy of adoption. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), which orchestrates the *Angels in Adoption*[™] program, will honor (honoree), along with more than 190 Angels, at an awards ceremony and gala event in Washington, DC, October 6, 2010.

Nancy is being honored for her years of experience in the field of adoption. She Executive Director of Adoption Circle, founded in November 1991. She is one of the three founding members under whose leadership the agency has become one of the leading adoption agencies in Ohio. Nancy is highly regarded by birthparents, adoptive families, adoption professionals, social workers, attorneys, and judges for her expertise, dedication, and determination in the field of adoption. Ms. Burley assists the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services by training and educating social workers who wish to become state-certified adoption assessors. She also assists adoption attorneys to be better practitioners. Nancy Burley is a licensed independent social worker. However, she is so much more than just her professional qualifications. She never ceases to present adoption and all of its benefits in the most positive manner. She has a confidence that comes from her knowledge of the adoption process and her passion to deliver that knowledge. With her incredible style and panache, her grace and good humor, Nancy is there to help with the hand of friendship, to guide with tested wisdom, and share her boundless knowledge and energy. She has dedicated her life's work to adoption. Nancy and her husband Doug Burley reside in Columbus, Ohio and are the parents of two children, Jessica and Logan.

The *Angels in Adoption*[™] program is CCAI's signature public awareness campaign and provides an opportunity for all members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans in the United States and abroad.

"The Angels in Adoption program is unlike any other program in the Nation's Capitol. Because of it, over 1600 "Angels" have come to share with Washington their adoption experience and left with a renewed excitement of all that adoption makes possible," said Kathleen Strotzman. "I learned one simple lesson from my time on the hill, knowledge is power. Angels in Adoption is meant to give Members of Congress the knowledge they need to use the power they have toward making the dream of a family a reality for every child."

In addition to the more than 190 local angels from around the country, several National *Angels* will also be recognized at the ceremony and gala for their dedication and commitment nationally and internationally to child welfare on a grand scale. Former "National Angels" include First Lady Laura Bush, Patti LaBelle, Jane Seymour, Muhammad Ali, the late Dave Thomas, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bruce Willis, Alonzo Mourning, and Marcus Samuelsson.

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a 501(c)3 nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the tens of thousands of orphans and foster children in the United States and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe, and loving homes through adoption. CCAI's goal is the elimination of the barriers that hinder these children from realizing their basic right of a family.

CCAI was created in 2001 by the active co-chairs of the bicameral, bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption (CCA) to more effectively raise Congressional and public awareness about the issue of adoption.

*The Angels in Adoption*TM program was established in 1999 as a Congressional press conference to honor outstanding individuals. Since then, the program has developed into a yearlong public awareness campaign culminating in an extraordinary awards Gala and celebration in Washington, D.C.

CCAI does not receive any government funding and they rely on the generous support of foundations, corporations, and individuals to accomplish their mission. For more information visit <http://www.ccainstitute.org/>