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**Grey House Publishing announces the Second 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 Second Edition of *From Suffrage to the Senate, America's Political Women: An Encyclopedia of Leaders, Causes and Issues*. Previously published in the early 1990s by ABC-Clio, this is Grey House's first edition. 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 Second Edition, featuring updated and expanded profiles, as well as the addition of many new entries.

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