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TREASURER COWELL SELECTED AS ASPEN INSTITUTE RODEL FELLOW

RALEIGH – State Treasurer Janet Cowell has been selected as one of 24 American political leaders to be a part of The Aspen Institute's Rodel fellowship program class of 2009. The program seeks to enhance our democracy by identifying and bringing together the nation's most promising young political leaders to explore the underlying values and principles of western democracy.

This will be a two-year fellowship designed to break down partisan barriers and allows officeholders to step back from their daily responsibilities to consider broader questions of good governance. Members are selected on their reputation for intellect, thoughtfulness, and a bipartisan approach to governing.

The new members of the Fellowship, comprising the program's fifth annual class, come from 22 states and include statewide officeholders as well as state legislators and local government officials. The class includes: Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives Kirk Adams, New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown, Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller; Vermont State Representative Sue Minter, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives Joe Straus, Wisconsin Attorney General J. B. Van Hollen and Ohio State Senator Mark Wagener.

The class was announced in Washington, D.C., by the program's director, former Congressman Mickey Edwards. For additional information concerning the Aspen Institute-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership, please contact Mickey Edwards at 202-736-5823 or by email at mickey.edwards@aspenninst.org. More information on Rodel Fellows and the program can be found at www.aspeninstitute.org/rodel.

The Aspen Institute mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. The Aspen Institute does this primarily in four ways: seminars, young-leader fellowships around the globe, policy programs, and public conferences and events. The Institute is based in Washington, D.C.; Aspen, Colorado; and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore and has an international network of partners. For more information visit www.aspeninstitute.org.

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