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**Clerk's Office Celebrates Remarkable Mothers
During Women's History Month**

What: On behalf of the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Clerk's Office Women's Advisory Committee presents its first annual "Outstanding Women Program." Seven women who are mothers will be awarded for their exemplary handling of highly responsible roles as community leaders, parents and professionals.

The honorees include:

- **Dr. Barbara Eason-Watkins** – Chief Education Officer, Chicago Board of Education
- **Ms. Virginia Hayter** – Village Clerk of Hoffman Estates, Illinois
- **Ms. Bernarda Wong** – Executive Director of the Chinese American League
- **Ms. Faith Smith** – President Emeritus of the Native American Educational Services College
- **Ms. Rose Farina** – Retired Director of Events of the Richard J. Daley Center for the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs
- **Mother Khadijah Farrakhan** – First Lady of the Nation of Islam and Founder of Newell Apparel
- **Ms. Salome Amezcua-Frieri** - League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) of Metropolitan Chicago President

In addition, **Michelle Fletes-Rosales**, Chicago Public Schools Office of Language and Cultural Education Administrative Assistant, will receive the "Outstanding Woman of the Future Award." She is recognized for overcoming many adversities while she pursued her educational and professional goals.

"It is a privilege to host a program that acknowledges women from various backgrounds who work daily to sustain their careers and families," said Clerk Brown. "This ceremony celebrates the lives of women and the many important roles they manage."

ABC 7 Chicago News Anchor Cheryl Burton will serve as mistress of ceremonies for this special event.

When: Thursday, March 10, 2005
8:30 a.m.

Where: Richard J. Daley Center
50 W. Washington, Concourse Level Conference Room CL 115