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SEN. JACOBS NAMED MICHIGAN NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER CHAMPION

LANSING – Michigan State Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods) was presented with a Michigan Nonprofit Association 2008 Michigan Volunteer Champion: Servant Leadership Award during the MNA annual Michigan Giving & Volunteering Celebration on April 17, 2008 at the Capitol in Lansing.

Sen. Jacobs received the award for her "outstanding personal dedication to civic engagement and service." In addition to working in the non-profit sector before serving in the legislature, Jacobs has also served on a variety of non-profit boards and worked as a volunteer for many others.

"After working for 15 years in the nonprofit world, I came to Lansing with a much broader perspective on the challenges that Michigan faces," Sen. Jacobs said. "I encourage nonprofit volunteers and professionals to seriously consider running for office, so that their voices can have an even greater impact. It is also why I offer my assistance to mentor those folks who may have political aspirations."

The awards are presented annually to four state elected officials who have championed volunteerism in different forms through their positions in the legislative, judicial and/or executive branches. Other 2008 recipients included: Sen. Jason Allen (R- Traverse City); Rep. Robert Dean (D-Grand Rapids); and Rep. Kim Meltzer (R-Clinton Township).

The Michigan Nonprofit Association was established in 1990 to enhance the effectiveness of the Michigan nonprofit sector in serving society.

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