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Fox News Channel Rita Cosby to Host American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT) FCC/Congressional Reception

February 18, 2005 (McLean, VA) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) will hold its second annual FCC/Congressional Reception on Thursday, February 24, 2005. Fox News Channel Anchor/Senior Correspondent, **Rita Cosby**, will host the invitation-only event which will be held in the Solarium of the Loews L'Enfant Plaza, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC. The reception will salute the Federal Communications Commission and the women of the 109th Congress. AWRT is proud to partner with the following organizations to bring you this event: The National Women's Political Caucus, American News Women's Club, and New York Women's Agenda.

Ms. Cosby is the host of FOX News Channel's *The Big Story Weekend Edition with Rita Cosby* and *FOX News Live with Rita Cosby*. She has obtained exclusive interviews with numerous world leaders, including an interview conducted with former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. She secured historic back to back interviews with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Additionally, Ms. Cosby has interviewed many U.S. leaders, including President George Bush Sr., President Bill Clinton, President Ronald Reagan and President Gerald Ford. In 2001, Cosby's interview with flight attendant Anne Marie Smith led to a U.S. Attorney's Office investigation of Rep. Gary Condit for obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

"I am honored to be a part of an event highlighting the great achievements of women on Capitol Hill and the FCC. Both are invaluable decision makers for the American people," said Cosby.

The FCC/Congressional Reception kicks-off the annual AWRT Leadership Summit and Business Conference which continues on February 25-26, 2005 at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA for an empowering two days of education, collaboration and networking.

AWRT would like to thank the following sponsors for their support of the FCC/Congressional Reception and Annual Leadership Summit: Katz Media Group, Inc., Radio Advertising Bureau, National Cable and Telecommunications Association, National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Garvey Schubert Barer and Leventhal Senter & Lerman PLLC.

For additional advance information and press registration, please contact Erin Tanner at 703-506-3290 or follow <http://www.awrt.org/Conferences/AWRTSummitConference2005.html> for a complete registration form. ALL PRESS MUST FAX FULL CREDENTIALS TO 703-506-3266 PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

For more information about the AWRT FCC/Congressional Reception, please visit www.awrt.org.
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About AWRT: The year 2001 marked the 50th Anniversary and a golden highlight for American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) Inc., the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing the impact of women in the electronic media and allied fields. Headquartered in the Washington, DC-metropolitan area, AWRT carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large. Founded in 1951, AWRT works to improve the quality of electronic media; promote the entry, development and advancement of women in the media; serve as a medium for communication and idea exchange; and become active in community concerns.

About The Foundation of AWRT: The Foundation of AWRT is the philanthropic arm of American Women in Radio and Television, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Foundation of AWRT has created partnerships and joint-initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation of AWRT. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns including most recently *AWRT Empowering America* which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation of AWRT has adopted needy urban middle schools around the country and provided educational donations derived from collateral based on the *Empowering America* program. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs including the Gracie Allen Awards®, a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.