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**RHODE ISLAND ASSOCIATION OF FACILITIES
AND SERVICES FOR THE AGING
HONORS SENATOR RHONDA PERRY**

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, March 27, 2009: Rhode Island Senator Rhoda Perry was honored today at the Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging's 18th Annual Conference held in Lincoln.

Senator Perry was recognized for her leadership at the Rhode Island State House and her legislative efforts to make a difference in the lives of seniors in Rhode Island. During the 2008 legislative session, Perry introduced the Long-Term Service and Finance Reform bill. This legislation (which passed) has played a pivotal role in rebalancing the Medicaid system because it calls for a greater investment in home and community-based care.

“Senator Perry has taken the legislative lead in trying to keep seniors in their home and getting them affordable, community-based services. But her involvement has lasted long beyond the passage of the legislation she introduced. In fact, she continues to monitor its implementation to this day,” said RIAFSA Director James P. Nyberg.

“I am indeed honored to be the recipient of an award from RIAFSA. This organization has been a leader and an advocate in our State for a full spectrum of services which elders may use during their lifetime,” said Senator Rhoda E. Perry – District 3, Providence.

RIAFSA was founded in 1989 and is an association comprised of senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services. The group is charged with advancing excellence in the field by valuing older people and their right to make choices; providing education, collaboration and professional development for caregivers; and promoting a continuum of services while advocating for sound public policy. RIAFSA is an affiliate of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging.

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