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**TREASURER NAPIER TO BE HONORED BY
CONNECTICUT WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME**

HARTFORD, CT -- State Treasurer Denise L. Nappier will be inducted into the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame Tuesday night, joining two other notable women also receiving the high honor.

The 18th annual ceremony will take place at 6pm in the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford.

Nappier joins a venerable list of 96 past inductees, including Gov. Ella Grasso, Katherine Hepburn, Marian Anderson, Dorothy Hamill and Barbara Kennelly.

"Denise's induction enhances an already very distinguished list of women who were first in their fields and who have had a significant impact on our state," said Katherine Wiltshire, Executive Director for the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame. "She came into office during a difficult time and quickly earned the trust and respect of citizens as well as her peers. She is a powerful force for Connecticut, and we are thrilled she is now part of the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame."

Nappier, the first African-American woman elected to serve as a State Treasurer in the United States and the first African-American woman elected to a statewide office in Connecticut, joins fellow honorees, Judge Patricia M. Wald, first female judge to sit on the US Court of Appeals; and the late Isabelle Kelley, principal author of the 1964 Food Stamp Act, and first director of the US Food Stamp Program.

As Connecticut's chief elected financial officer, Nappier oversees approximately \$52 billion in state funds. Widely respected by her peers, she has received numerous awards for her commitment to high standards of integrity and professionalism, expanding economic opportunity -- especially for Connecticut's average citizens and those who have the greatest need. She's also been credited with substantially growing Connecticut-based firms, women and minority owned firms, and the next generation of entrepreneurs and professionals within the financial services industry.

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In addition, Nappier has been recognized for her national leadership in advocating responsible corporate behavior as an institutional shareholder on behalf of the state's pension fund investments.

Before being elected State Treasurer in 1998, she was Treasurer of the City of Hartford for nearly 10 years. Nappier holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University and a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati. She also has honorary degrees from: (Teikyo) Post University; Trinity College; University of Hartford; Saint Joseph's College; and Briarwood College. In 2006 and 2010, Treasurer Nappier was named one of the "Top 100 Most Influential People in Finance" by *Treasury & Risk* magazine, a national industry publication.

For more information about the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame and Tuesday's induction ceremony, visit: www.cwhf.org

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