



## NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS PANEL

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### **REP. MARY LOU COWLISHAW HONORED FOR SUPPORTING EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

*Goals Panel Member Recognized for Outstanding Contributions to Educational Improvement*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – State Representative Mary Lou Cowlishaw (R-IL) will receive recognition from the College Board for her commitment to quality education when the National Conference of State Legislatures convenes in San Antonio, Texas, on August 14. Representative Cowlishaw will be among 43 state lawmakers from 27 states who will be honored. She is the only Illinois lawmaker being recognized.

Rep. Cowlishaw, who has been an active member of the National Education Goals Panel since 1997 will be honored for her steadfast and exemplary support for educational excellence, access and equity on behalf of students in Illinois and all across the nation. Cowlishaw has championed education reform efforts and has served on several local and national education committees. She was nominated for the College Board salute for her outstanding contributions and leadership on the National Education Goals Panel.

“It is important that all students have the opportunity to achieve their full potential,” said Cowlishaw. “I am inspired and motivated by the College Board salute. I will continue to advocate for improvements in Illinois’ and the nations’ schools.”

Founded in 1990, the College Board is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to preparing and connecting students to colleges and opportunities. The College Board serves students and parents through programs such as the Advanced Placement Program (AP). Improving performance on the AP examination is one of the indicators for Student Achievement, which is Goal Three of the eight National Education Goals.

“I am delighted that Rep. Cowlishaw is receiving this well deserved recognition,” said Gov. Frank O’Bannon (D-IN), the panel’s chair. “Goals Panel members play a lead role in the education reform movement and Rep. Cowlishaw continues to engage in the implementation of successful policies and practices that will improve schools in Illinois and, by extension, our nation.”

#### **About the National Education Goals Panel**

Created in July 1990, the National Education Goals Panel is a bipartisan body consisting of an equal number of Republicans and Democrats from the federal and state levels of government. The Panel is made up of eight governors, four members of Congress, four state legislators and two members appointed by the President. The eight National Education Goals call for greater levels of: student achievement; high school completion; teacher education and professional development; parental participation in the schools; adult literacy and lifelong learning; and safe, disciplined, and alcohol-and-drug-free schools. The Goals also call for all children to be ready to learn by the time they start school and for US students to be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.



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