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PRESS ALERT

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CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO SPEARHEAD NATIONWIDE SALUTE TO CHARTER SCHOOLS

(Washington, DC 3/27/01) Members of Congress will again join in the nationwide celebration of charter school on the occasion of the second annual National Charter Schools Week, to be celebrated this year from April 30-May 4, 2001, announced CER president Jeanne Allen today. Serving as honorary co-chairs of the *Congressional Salute to Charter Schools* are: Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and Joseph Lieberman (D-CT); and Congressmen John Boehner (R-OH) and Tim Roemer (D-IN).

"We are thrilled with the commitment to charter schools that these distinguished Congressional leaders have made," said CER president Jeanne Allen. "They understand the value of charter schools as new choices for parents, new opportunities for teachers and a catalyst for reform to the whole system."

The Congressional Salute to Charter Schools, organized by CER, will begin with visits to charter schools throughout the nation April 30-May 4 by Congressional representatives and a special focus on these schools that are serving more than half a million children in approximately 2,000 schools.

Additional activities will be announced once they are confirmed. Others in Congress interested in adding their name to the *Congressional Salute to Charter Schools* can call the Center for more details.

For the latest on National Charter Schools Week activities go to: <http://www.edreform.com/>

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NOTE TO PRESS: Members of the press interested in accompanying Congressional leaders on a tour of charter schools are asked to contact Mary Kayne Heinze at (202) 822-9000.

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