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**Glowing Praises Bestowed Upon Presidential Appointee in Recognition of her Impending Role as Federal Communications Commissioner**

Washington, DC – May 11, 2009. “Some leaders are made; others are born for greatness.” noted Commissioner Daisy W. Lynam, President of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO). “Mignon Clyburn descends from a fine lineage, and as the first African American woman appointed to the position of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Commissioner, she will leave behind a tremendous legacy that will inspire generations to come.”

NBC-LEO proudly endorses President Obama’s nomination of Mignon Clyburn, a 10-year veteran of the South Carolina Public Service Commission to assume one of the vacant Democratic seats on the Federal Communications Commission.

Ms. Clyburn is a strong, focused, and experienced leader, whose work as a newspaper publisher, community leader and utilities regulator over the past 24 years has more than prepared her for the role she is set to assume upon her confirmation by the Senate. “As a champion for the interest of minorities and small businesses with a keen understanding of the issues facing rural America, Ms. Clyburn will be invaluable to the FCC, as the Commission develops a national broadband plan and focuses on the digital future of all Americans. I know Ms. Clyburn will ensure that the needs of the unserved and the underserved are protected.” said Lynam.

Not only does NBC-LEO applaud the President’s decision to appoint Mignon Clyburn to the FCC, but it looks forward to working with the Administration and the FCC in developing the national broadband plan and in ascertaining best practices for ensuring that broadband stimulus dollars make it down to the local level. According to Lynam, “Our communities are in dire need of better broadband opportunities, and we feel convinced that this Administration appreciated our needs as a top priority, and is taking affirmative steps to make broadband opportunity a reality for all Americans.”

NBC-LEO was created in 1970 to represent the interests of African American elected officials, and to reflect the policies and concerns that benefit their communities. The organization works independently with its members to inform them about issues affecting the African American community, and to help devise plans for achieving community objectives through legislation and direct action.

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