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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**WHAT: CATHERINE “KIT” ROUPE, REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE ACCEPTS EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO HOUSE DISTRICT 17 NOMINATION**

**WHEN: Saturday, March 08, 2008**

**WHERE: Phil Long Ford Expo Center, Colorado Springs, CO**

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COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – On Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the El Paso County Assembly, House District 17 meeting, Catherine ‘Kit’ Roupe accepted the nomination for the Colorado House District 17 open seat. Representative Stella Garza-Hicks declared on November 16, 2007 that she would not seek re-election.

Ms. Roupe stated the key difference separating her from her opponent is that she is not a Denver lobbyist but a local citizen living in the local community. Ms. Roupe commented, “I currently serve on local boards, work with the County Commissioners, City Council, and I represent issues in our community. This connection with local governments and local boards gives me a personal understanding of how to fix our local problems.” Ms. Roupe is reminded of state laws with unfunded mandates, directly affecting our local government’s ability to provide services. “These unfunded mandates directly affect how efficiently we spend our local tax dollars. Public safety, crowded jails, and roadway projects such as State Highway 16 are some of the local services and public works affected by these mandates,” she said.

Ms. Roupe said she is, “fiscally accountable, believes in less government and holds close her Republican values. I believe we can make health care affordable. I oppose making health care mandatory. The economy and jobs are very important and we must bring back as much of our tax

dollars as possible.” When asked about her stance on abortion, Ms. Roupe pointed out that she is a mother with two children and a grandchild. She says she respects life and believes in its sanctity. “Family, marriage and personal freedoms must be protected.”

Ms. Roupe also believes in our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights and said, “I support our individual rights to keep and bear arms, and will fight any attempt to weaken that right.” Ms. Roupe also said she believes immigration will remain a problem until we secure our borders.

House District 17 covers the southeast side of Colorado Springs and Fort Carson.

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