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**Rep. Naughton honored by LeadingAge RI
for “focus and leadership” in aging policy**

Providence, RI -- March 25, 2011 – LeadingAge RI, the trade association representing non-profit nursing homes, assisted living, senior housing and adult day health services, has presented its annual “Making A Difference” award to state Rep. Eileen Naughton of Warwick. The award recognizes an individual for his or her outstanding leadership in long term care advocacy.

“You were selected this year because of your longstanding focus and leadership on important issues in the health and aging policy arena,” said James P. Nyberg, director, and Cynthia Conant-Arp, president of LeadingAge RI. “Your breadth of expertise and commitment are notable and appreciated.”

Rep. Naughton is currently the Deputy Chair of the House Finance Committee, as well as the Chairwoman of its subcommittee on Human Services. She also is a member of the newly reconstituted Joint Committee on Health Care Oversight.

She accepted the award at LeadingAge RI’s 20th annual conference and trade show on March 24.

In years past, the Making A Difference award has been given to policymakers at the state and federal level, as well as providers and business leaders who have been effective advocates for older people and those who care for them.

LeadingAge RI (formerly RIAFSA) was founded in 1989 and represents the continuum of long term care providers in Rhode Island, including not-for-profit nursing homes, assisted living residences, and senior housing providers, as well as adult day centers. Coupled with the new name is an enhanced mission of “*Expanding the World of Possibilities for Aging.*” As such, LeadingAge RI will continue its focus on advancing excellence in the field by fostering innovation, collaboration, and ethical leadership; advocating for sound public policy; providing education, collaboration, and professional development; valuing older people and their right to make choices; and promoting a continuum of services.