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National Coalition for Literacy to Honor Adult Literacy Leaders

WASHINGTON – The National Coalition for Literacy (NCL) will present its **2011 NCL Literacy Leadership Awards** on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 5:30 PM at a ceremony in the Senate Dirksen Building (SD-G50) in Washington, DC. The awards recognize individuals and/or organizations that have made extraordinary national contributions to improving adult literacy and English language learning in the United States. The event is free and open to the public and press. Pre-registration is required.

NCL will recognize the following outstanding individuals and organizations:

- **Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO)**, Congressional Adult Education and Family Literacy Week champion and dedicated advocate for high-quality professional development for teachers and instructors.
- **Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council**, administrator of the national Literacy*AmeriCorps project since 2006, which serves more than 15,000 adult literacy students through more than 75 adult education programs in eight cities, including Austin, Dayton, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Phoenix, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Washington DC.
- **U.S. A. Learns**, the online interactive English language learning site, created by Jere Johnson and John Fleischman. The site is free to learners who wish to improve their literacy skills and English language proficiency through independent study. It receives more than 11,000 visitors each day.
- **John Corcoran**, former adult literacy student, literacy champion, and founder of the John Corcoran Foundation, which supports creating a society in which each individual has the basic skills necessary to become a success in all aspects of life including education, work and community service.

John Segota, interim president of the National Coalition for Literacy, said, "We are very pleased to present these awards to such deserving individuals and organizations this year. Each has made a unique contribution to advancing the cause of adult education and literacy through programmatic innovation or by raising public awareness of the issue."

To register to attend the event, please visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011LLAReg>

The reception is supported by a generous grant from the [Dollar General Literacy Foundation](#).

The Mission of the National Coalition for Literacy is: to advance adult education, family literacy, and English language acquisition in the U.S. by increasing public awareness for the need to increase funding and programs; promoting effective public policy; and serving as an authoritative resource for the field on national adult education issues. For more information, visit <http://www.national-coalition-literacy.org/index.html>. To read about past Literacy Leadership Awards, see <http://www.national-coalition-literacy.org/dgawards.html>.

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