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ASSEMBLYMAN JEFFRIES HONORS EVA JOHNSON
AS 66TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Every year the California State Assembly takes out a day to honor the accomplishments of women throughout the state in their Woman of the Year Celebrations. Assemblyman Jeffries honored Eva C. Johnson as the 2009 Woman of the Year for the 66th Assembly District during a special Assembly ceremony at the State Capitol.

President and Founder of the Murrieta-based Mentoring Today for Tomorrow, Inc., Eva C. Johnson has dedicated her life to the development of positive youth, family and community ties. Her passion for the welfare of the youth and children in her community is evident, as she pours her heart into fulfilling the purposes and goals of Mentoring. Early in her career, Eva recognized the effects of negative social conditions on various individuals and families within our communities. Her compassion for others caused her to pursue a career in youth and community development, eventually leading to the establishment of Mentoring Today for Tomorrow, Inc. in 2003.

After the ceremony, Eva said, "this is such an honor to represent the women, families, and youth of the State of California's 66th Assembly District... My passion is to mentor at-risk, low income youth, and to bring about positive change to families within California's communities. I want to especially thank my community of friends and family who nominated me for this special honor. I would like to thank Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries for selecting me to represent the women of his district."

Assemblyman Jeffries commented, "I asked readers of our newsletter to help me select a woman of the year, and Eva Johnson received several nominations. I have known her for a long time and I believe she was the perfect choice to receive this honor. As state programs continue to struggle, it is more important than ever to recognize the hard work of private citizens and volunteers in the community who are trying to pick up the slack and work with the youth of our communities."

Held annually, the Woman of the Year ceremony celebrates California's extraordinary women. Started in 1987 to help commemorate Women's History Month, the event has become one of the Capitol's most anticipated celebrations of community service each year. Honorees are presented with a certificate from the State Assembly recognizing their outstanding contributions to their community during a special ceremony in the Assembly Chambers.

Attached is a photo featuring Assembly Speaker Karen Bass, Eva C. Johnson, Assemblyman Jeffries and Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines together on the Floor of the Assembly.

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Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries represents Western Riverside County and Northeastern San Diego County, including Jurupa, Riverside, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Murrieta, Temecula, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Valley Center, and Julian.