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## TESOL to honor Senator Maria Cantwell

Alexandria, VA (March 2007) – Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), the global education association representing more than 13,000 English language educators worldwide, announces it will be recognizing Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington at the opening plenary of its 41st Annual Convention and Exhibit in Seattle, Washington, USA. The presentation will be held before an audience of 1,500 English language educators on Wednesday, March 21, 2007, at 11:30 am in Room 4A of the Washington State Convention & Trade Center.

Elected to U.S. Senate in 2000, Sen. Cantwell has been a strong advocate and a respected leader in supporting language policy and immigration issues at both the state and national levels. Embracing the values she first learned growing up in a strong working-class family, Sen. Cantwell has been a proud advocate for better educational opportunities for children, especially language minority students, and less expensive, more accessible health care for working-class families. A key advocate for immigrants, Sen. Cantwell supports comprehensive immigration reform and has been instrumental in assisting immigrant families at the local level.

Under the banner "Spanning the Globe—Tides of Change," the 2007 TESOL convention will feature more than 1250 lecture/discussion sessions presented by 1900 speakers representing more than 20 countries. Among the variety of topics are language testing and assessment, technology in language learning, bilingual education, education standards, and refugee/immigration concerns. In addition, the convention will feature one of the largest exhibitions of its kind in the world, with

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over 160 exhibitors offering some of the finest products and services for English language educators and their classrooms.

Press can register for the convention either in advance or on site. To register in advance, visit the online press room at <http://www.tesol.org/>, and click on TESOL 2007. To register on site, please go to Room 504 at the Washington State Convention & Trade Center. Other press releases and more information about presenters and sessions are available at the TESOL 2007 online press room.

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