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Karen Saverino Joins U.S. Reps on Mississippi Pilgrimage

Washington, D.C. — Vice President Karen Saverino, APR, is joining U.S. Reps. Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.) and Chip Pickering (R-Miss.) on a pilgrimage to Mississippi on March 28-30 on behalf of our client, The Faith & Politics Institute. The pilgrimage marks the 40th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Congressmen Thompson and Pickering asked The Faith & Politics Institute to organize a congressional pilgrimage to Mississippi known as the “Courage and Creativity Pilgrimage.” They wanted to show participants the profound impact that the trials of Mississippi and the courage of its people have made on their personal and professional lives.

The pilgrimage will allow members of Congress and others to experience firsthand a land of struggle transformed into a place of hope. It will begin at the site of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination in Memphis, Tennessee, and continue on through Mississippi— through Clarksdale, Philadelphia, Jackson and into Waveland. Stops will include the Delta Blues Museum, Parchman Prison, the Medgar Evers Home Museum, Beth Israel Congregation and Tougaloo College, among others.

The Faith & Politics Institute believes that lessons learned through the struggles of Mississippi can be applied in every state and every congressional district in the country. In organizing a pilgrimage, its hope is that witnessing the courage and creativity coming out of Mississippi will help members of Congress, congressional staff and others not only learn from history, but also be transformed into instruments of courage, reconciliation and renewal themselves.

Since 1998, The Faith & Politics Institute has led eight bipartisan Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimages to Alabama, affording more than 100 members of the U.S. House and Senate an experiential journey through the history of the U.S. civil rights movement. Described by some of the participants as one of the most valuable experiences they have had while in Congress, the pilgrimages have brought people together across political, religious and racial lines, offering opportunities for engaged and reflective dialogue. The pilgrimage to Mississippi is built on the successful model of The Faith & Politics Institute's pilgrimages to Alabama.

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