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Councilmember Angela Hunt awarded the prestigious Marshall Memorial Fellowship for 2008

Dallas, TX – Councilmember Angela Hunt (District 14) is among the fifty-three emerging American leaders representing 17 states and the District of Columbia who have been awarded the prestigious Marshall Memorial Fellowship (MMF) for 2008. Ms. Hunt will spend 23 days in Europe visiting institutions, societies, and cultures, and learning about economic, political, and social issues facing the United States and Europe. The fall program will take place October 2-26, 2008.

"Each year, the MMF program expands to reflect the changing nature of both the United States and Europe," said Craig Kennedy, President of the German Marshall Fund. "This year we are especially happy to welcome a strong contingent of American Fellows from the private sector. Thanks to our Belgrade office, we are also excited to send American Fellows to new countries in the Western Balkans in 2008."

The Marshall Memorial Fellowship educates the next generation of American and European leaders on the importance of the transatlantic relationship and encourages them to work with each other on a range of international and domestic policy challenges. Fellows are selected through a competitive nationwide process and come from politics, government, media, business, and the non-profit sector. The MMF program began in 1982, when the inaugural group of German MMFs visited the United States. Now entering its 26th year, the MMF program currently includes Fellows from 21 European countries and the United States. GMF and its partner institutions have been instrumental in developing and maintaining a vital network on both sides of the Atlantic committed to transatlantic relations.

"Large cities around the world are struggling with similar challenges, such as how to improve public safety, encourage economic development, reduce homelessness, create affordable housing, and develop pedestrian-oriented cities," Councilmember Hunt said. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to see firsthand how our European counterparts are addressing these issues. I look forward to learning from business leaders and government officials in our host cities, and hope to bring back some fresh ideas that my colleagues and I can implement to improve the city of Dallas."

Background Information:

The Marshall Memorial Fellowship (MMF) was created by the German Marshall Fund in 1982 to introduce a new generation of European leaders to America's institutions, politics, and people. In 1999, GMF launched a companion program to expose future U.S. leaders to a changing and expanding Europe. The program attracts the best and brightest from all sectors, including politics, media, business, and nongovernmental organizations. Fellows come from across the United States and from 21 European countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Greece, France, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia including Kosovo, Slovakia, Spain, and Turkey). GMF works closely with partners in more than 50 cities on both sides of the Atlantic to make the MMF program possible.

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