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**THE AMERICAN NURSES FOUNDATION AND THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
NURSING ANNOUNCE 2008-2009 NURSE SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM
AWARD**

SILVER SPRING, MD – The American Nurses Foundation (ANF) and the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) are pleased to announce the 2008-2009 ANF/AAN Institute of Medicine (IOM) Scholar-in-Residence Award appointee.

Mary E. Evans, PhD, RN, FAAN, a professor and associate dean for research and doctoral study at the University of South Florida will participate in a year long program of orientation and work at the Institute of Medicine at the National Academies. Evans plans to examine the factors which could lead to more effective implementation of IOM recommendations on mental health into legislative policy.

The Scholar-in-Residence Program is designed to assist nurse leaders in playing a more prominent role in health policy development at the national level.

“Examining social, political and economic factors related to the implementation of preventive mental health strategies is important for the development of health policy,” remarked ANF president Margarete Zalon, PhD, RN, ACNS,BC. “Dr. Evans’ focus on the development of a taxonomy of issues to be addressed in implementing the Institute of Medicine’s recommendations for mental health has the potential to provide a framework for the subsequent translation of scientific findings into sound health policy that will benefit our nation.”

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Evans, a professor of nursing at the University of South Florida's School of Nursing, also serves as a member of the National Advisory Committee at the University of Massachusetts Medical School Center for Mental Health Services Research. She was awarded the American Public Health Association's Carl A. Taub Award for Lifetime Achievement in Mental Health Services Research. She earned her PhD in Sociology at the State University of New York at Albany, and was the lead researcher in several studies on systems of care in the field of mental health. She was awarded the American Public Health Association's Carl A. Taub Award for Lifetime Achievement in Mental Health Services Research. Dr. Evans also served on the Nursing Research Review Committee for the American Nurses Foundation.

The American Nurses Foundation and the American Academy of Nursing are corporate affiliates of the American Nurses Association. The Institute of Medicine is a corporate affiliate of the National Academy of Sciences.

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For over 50 years, the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) continues to be the national philanthropic organization that promotes the health of the public and advances the nursing profession. ANF as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, relies on support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and government agencies that possess a strong interest in advancing nursing's future. Contributions to ANF are tax-deductible as charitable contributions.

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The American Academy of Nursing anticipates and tracks national and international trends in health care, while addressing resulting issues of health care knowledge and policy. The Academy's mission is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge.

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The Institute of Medicine serves as adviser to the nation to improve health. Established in 1970 under the charter of the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine provides independent, objective, evidence-based advice to policymakers, health professionals, the private sector, and the public.

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The ANA is the only full-service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.9 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent member nurses associations. The ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the rights of nurses in the workplace, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing, and by lobbying the Congress and regulatory agencies on health care issues affecting nurses and the public.

