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FEW Releases Scorecard for 113th Congress First Session; Reflects Large Number of Perfect AND Zero Scores

(Washington, D.C.) – Federally Employed Women (FEW) has released the results of its scorecard for the first session of the 113th Congress and it does reflect an ever growing number of perfect and 90% scores. “This year, we not only had a record number of perfect scores in the House grow from 45 in 2012 to 57 in 2013 and astonishing growth in the Senate – going from 3 to 13, but we also had numerous *“Federal Worker Champions”* who earned top scores for four, five six and even seven consecutive years,” wrote Michelle Crockett, FEW’s National President in her message to members. FEW extends a special thank-you to these champions for consistently supporting federal workers. “Additionally, we saw an unbelievable 72 House members scoring 90% and 16 in the Senate. We will need these champions even more during this second session of the 113th Congress when lawmakers will be continuing their work on the fiscal year 2014 and 2015 budgets for federal agencies and increasing the debt ceiling,” Crockett’s message added.

However, the high numbers only tell one part of the story. There were an unbelievably high number of zero scores this year. “We jumped from 2 zero scores in the Senate last year to 8 this year,” explained Janet Kopenhaver, FEW’s Washington Representative. “The House was even worse, going from none in 2012 to an astonishing 81 this year,” added Kopenhaver.

This trend is extremely troublesome to FEW. It clearly shows that the anti-federal worker sentiment and partisanship is growing even more entrenched in both congressional chambers and that the moderate base is shrinking to an almost non-existent level. “Our concern is that opportunities for compromises and getting anything accomplished in this second session of the 113th Congress will be severely constricted if the partisanship remains so rigid,” lamented Kopenhaver.

To view the entire list of Honorable Legislators and rankings of all legislators, click here - <http://www.eyeonwashington.com/pdf/FEWScorecard113first.pdf>.

Based on ten votes and co-sponsorships, each legislator earned 10 percentage points for acting in concert with FEW’s views. The issues chosen were those of most importance and priority for FEW members and focused primarily on federal worker employment benefits, sequestration, budget cuts and the Equal Rights Amendment bills.

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FEW is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1968 after Executive Order 11375 was issued that added sex discrimination to the list of prohibited discrimination in the federal government. FEW has grown into a proactive organization serving more than one million federally employed women – both in the military and civilian workforce. For more information on FEW, visit www.few.org.

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