

*Sponsored by the Tulalip Tribe*  
**Monday March 1, 2010**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Annual National Indian Women's**  
**“Supporting Each Other Lunch”**

Westin Hotel, Monticello Room – Lower Level  
1400 “M” Street North West, Washington DC. Hotel: 202-429-1700

**11 am**

Lunch

Prayer: **Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo**, (*Ho-Chunk*) (*Confirmed*)

Greetings

**Julie Johnson** (*Lummi*) Facilitator and Volunteer Host

Welcome

**Marie Zackuse**, Vice Chairwomen, Tulalip Tribal Council (*Confirmed*)

and Volunteer for the National Indian Women's “SEO” Organization. Today, “we will be honoring **two tribal council ladies** who have served our people at the local, regional and national levels for many years. Our 2010 Honorees have become role models for all Indian women --- they have become shining examples of wisdom, generosity, commitment, happiness, and love.

These ladies have had the courage to try, fail, try again, and never gave up as they faced the challenges to improve services for all Tribes and Indian Organizations’. They have acted like it is impossible to fail, they forgot to be afraid, and have blazed a trail for us. Today --- we reap the benefits for their life of giving.

Introductions:

**Jodi Gillette**, Assistant Associate Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs of Public Liaison, The White House, Washington DC

**Tracie Stevens**, Senior Advisor to DOI Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk (*Confirmed*)

**11:30 am**

Introduction

**Kathleen Tom**, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council (*Confirmed*)

Guest Speaker

**Congressman Kurt Schrader** (D) Or. (*Confirmed*)

Honoring

**Kathryn Harrison**, former Chair, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. (*Confirmed*)

Kathryn served on the tribal council for over 19 years and is one of the Warriors who fought to regain federal recognition for her tribe and reservation lands in 1983! Kathryn and a small group of dedicated Tribal members volunteered for years ... to develop services for their Tribal membership and other Indian families living in the Grand Ronde service area. Her years of dedication, commitment, and team -work attitude has helped the tribe to employ just over 2000 individuals today!

Kathryn has been a guiding member for the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (43 Tribes), the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (57 Tribes), the National Indian Health Board and the National Congress of American Indians. Today she is 85 years old and continues to volunteer for her tribe and continues to fight to protect her tribal members, tribal resources, tribal sovereignty and services for all Tribal people in America.

Kathryn was a recipient of the Oregon Commission for Women's 1999 “Women of Achievement” award. Her community service has included participation on the Oregon Women's Political Caucus and the League of Women Voters. She has always said “we need to be part of the decision making process at every level that affects services for our Indian people.” In 1995 the League of Women Voters in Oregon gave Kathryn the “Distinguished Service Award.” During this same period she was named one of four “Women of Achievement” by the YWCA in the great State of Oregon.

Kathryn has reminded us that “determination serves us well in good times and bad. It takes as much courage to have tried and failed as it does to have tried and been successful. She reminds us to always keep busy and make optimism a way of your life.” Because of her loving and giving attitude, her massive accomplishments --- she has been a role model, for not only the people from her own reservation but for Indian Women throughout the nation.

Kathryn loves spending time with her family, loves all tribal people, loves to participate in cultural events, and is always so proud to represent her tribe and community. For these reasons and many more we present Kathryn with the “2010 Woman of the Year” award.

**12 noon**

Introduction

**Cecelia Fire Thunder**, Democrat National Committee (DNC) Member (*Confirmed*)

Guest Speaker

**Congresswoman Stephanie Herseth Sandlin**, (D) South Dakota (*Invited*)

Comm: Agriculture; Natural Resources; Veterans' Affairs; Select Energy Independence & Global Warming.

Honoring

**Theresa Two Bulls**, Chair Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota (*Confirmed 11/09*)

The Honorable Two Bulls was inaugurated as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Indian Woman Oglala Sioux Tribal Chair in 2009 with a membership of 40,000 living on her reservation and through-out America.

Theresa was the first Indian woman to serve as a State Senator for South Dakota. During this period she worked on developing and authoring funding for the construction of nursing facilities on Indian Reservations and another Bill to expand funding for Tribal Colleges located in her State. She has also served as Vice Chair of her Tribe and worked as a Prosecutor for her Tribe.

When the South Dakota State Representatives passed a 'redistricting plan' that would have silenced any American Indian in local government, our Theresa Two Bulls fought back. She teamed up with the ACLU and filed a law suit on the grounds that the SD State Plan violated the Voting Rights Act. As result, the Federal Court sided with Two Bulls and the ACLU was granted an injunction.

Theresa reminds us that each member of our Tribes, no matter where they live must be treasured and cultivated. She reminds us that "Friends are one of life's great luxuries; in times of struggle they are a necessity. With friends --- on sunny days ---- we share our special laughter and hope; on cloudy days we share support and courage." She reminds us "We must all work together we must have hope, confidence and understand that nothing can be accomplished without optimism, a good plan-of-action and follow-through."

Theresa has served on many local, regional and national committees as she works to enhance the services for Indian people in the State of South Dakota, the Great Plains and our Nation. Her life has been dedicated to healing the wrongs, improving communications at all levels and with all people. Theresa has dedicated her life to improving and developing services for all Indian people, protecting all treaty rights, trust responsibilities and sovereignty. Theresa works every day to protect our rights, our cultural and our way of life. We thank her and present Theresa with our "2010 Woman of the Year" award.

**Julie Johnson, Volunteer.** *Special Thank You to the Tulalip Tribe of Washington State.*

Thank you to all the volunteer speakers, ladies who help to organize this lunch and those of you who serve our people here in Washington DC and thought out Indian County.

Honor Song: W

After the presentation of the gifts, please line up and shake hands with our Indian Women Honorees of 2010!

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**Kathryn Harrison**, former Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde of Oregon



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