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**PATRICIA EVANS MOKOLO ANNOUNCES HER CANDIDACY FOR THE
U.S. CONGRESS**

Seeks to Become the First Woman Elected to 7th Congressional District

Tuscaloosa, Al, October 5, 2009, Patricia Evans Mokolo will officially announce her candidacy for the 7th Congressional District Seat. The announcement takes place at 10 AM at the Mokolo for U.S. Congress Campaign Office at 3914 Skyland Blvd. East Tuscaloosa, Al 35405.

Mokolo believes now more than ever is the time to make the quality of life for all Alabamians better. In 2009, we are still struggling with issues that we should have overcome. One of the most significant contrast in the Black Belt is it's district's rich soil, the heritage is rich and plenty and so is the history, but the Black Belt counties remain in the poorest conditions and are becoming left behind.

It is a fact that poverty still exist in our great state. One out of every four children in Alabama are still living in poverty and an impoverished 25% is too high of a number. Poverty is just one issue, but it affects everyone. It's time to take care of our state.

Choosing one issue to discuss is not an option, because the state is facing many challenges. In 2009, the unemployment rate in Alabama, which is one of 14 states with the highest rate, is in double digits at nearly 11%. The national average is 9.7%. Mokolo wants to help create jobs, restore a failing economy and share the wealth.

At the forefront of debate is Health care Reform. Millions die every year including women and children because of poor health care or lack thereof. Some of the highest mortality related deaths occur in the Black Belt Counties.

Bring education into the schools to prevent Teen Pregnancy and High School Drop-out. She also intends to look at our prisons and reform laws that should rehabilitate, instead of punishment by extreme sentencing. The need to rectify broken systems and create new ones is now. Mokolo believes its time to institute stricter laws for domestic violence and sexual assaults turning them into hate crimes.

Patricia Evans Mokolo has broken many barriers and has accomplished both personal and professional goals. She is a first generation graduate in her family where after receiving a bachelors degree from the University of Alabama, she worked in the community as a journalist. She is a well-respected Baptist Minister and Community Activist. She is a veteran of this community, born and raised in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She served time in the United

States Air Force during the Persian Gulf War and is a Veteran of the United States Armed Services. Mokolo feels America has forgotten about God. We need to acknowledge Him in all we do. This Campaign will be driven by Him. She says "It's good to have God on our side."

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If you'd like to cover this story, get more information or to set up an interview with Patricia Evans Mokolo, please contact Jerry-Pule Mokolo at 205-534-5235 or at j-p@mokolo.name.