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**Nadine Craddick and Eva Longoria Parker
unveil 2008 Capitol Ornament**

(Austin) - Nadine Craddick, wife of House Speaker Tom Craddick, was joined by fellow Texan Eva Longoria Parker in the unveiling of the 2008 Texas Capitol Ornament today. This year's ornament depicts the six seals of the countries whose flags have flown over Texas.

"This ornament celebrates the diversity of our heritage as Texans," Craddick said. "The six flags of Texas are a symbol of the great historic drama that is Texas History."

The ornament depicts the seal at the center of the Texas Capitol rotunda's floor. That design includes the seal of the Republic of Texas, flanked by those of the United States of America, Spain, Mexico, France and the Confederate States of America. Texas is the only U.S. state that was once an independent nation.

"Christmas is a time of family, friends and charity, and this project is a great way Texans can celebrate their history while also helping a worthy cause," Nadine Craddick said.

The ornament raises funds for the restoration and preservation of historic Capitol artwork, furniture, artifacts and exhibits at the Capitol Visitors' Center and other projects.

"This design symbolizes the culture and diversity that make our great state what it is today," Longoria Parker said. "Our capitol is a beautiful and unique symbol of Texas, and I encourage all Texans to join me in supporting its preservation through the capitol ornament project."

Longoria Parker will publicize the ornament project through a series of Public Service Announcements aired on cable television throughout the state. This has been made possible through the Texas Cable Association and its member companies, Time Warner Cable, Comcast, Suddenlink, Charter Communications and Cable One, who are partners

in raising awareness of this important project. Additionally, members of the Outdoor Advertising Association are participating in the Public Service Announcements by utilizing billboards throughout the state.

Eva Longoria Parker is a native of Corpus Christi and attended Texas A&M-Kingsville before moving to Los Angeles to try her hand at acting. A series of roles followed which culminated in her starring role in the popular ABC hit "Desperate Housewives." She is married to San Antonio Spurs forward Tony Parker and supports a variety of charity projects.

Each ornament is \$18 a piece. To purchase one go to: www.TexasCapitolGiftShop.com or call 1-888-678-5556.

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