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National Woman's Party Recognizes Groundbreaking Women
Secretary Elaine Chao wins *Alice Award* and Senator Lisa Murkowski and Senator Tammy Baldwin honored with the *Voice for Women Award*

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary **Elaine L. Chao**, Senator **Lisa Murkowski**, and Senator **Tammy Baldwin** were honored by the National Woman's Party (NWP) at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument on Capitol Hill at its prestigious *Alice Award* luncheon on Thursday, September 14, 2017. Each year, the NWP recognizes women who have broken barriers and set new precedents for women with the *Alice Award* and the *Voice for Women Award*.



U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao with National Woman's Party board member Connie Tipton, board president Lucy Calautti, and board vice president Susan Carter.

“We are thrilled to celebrate such worthy recipients with this year's Alice Award and the Voice for Women Award,” said NWP President, **Lucy Calautti**. “They are true leaders, pioneers and role models.”

“I am so pleased to be recognized with this award, not for myself, but for my mother, Ruth Mulan Chu Chao,” said U.S. Secretary of Transportation **Elaine L. Chao**, this year's *Alice Award* honoree. “My own efforts to help women access education and opportunity started early in life, in my own family, and were inspired by her example.”

The NWP also honored **Senator Lisa Murkowski** and **Senator Tammy Baldwin** with the *Voice for Women Award* for their leadership in support of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission Act, calling for the 2020 celebration of the Centennial of the 19th Amendment, a milestone of democracy, voting rights, and equal rights.

“I greatly appreciate this honor of receiving the “Voice for Women” award during the Alice Award luncheon,” **Senator Murkowski** said, “for helping give a voice to women and taking action to support them. It was my privilege to be honored alongside women I admire so much. I'd like to think this is not just about a having a voice for women, but it's more accurate to say that women leaders are truly the voice for America.”

“It's an absolute honor to receive the National Woman's Party's “Voice for Women” award,” said **Senator Baldwin**. “I take my responsibility to help advance equal rights for women very seriously, and I am proud that the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment – an incredible milestone for our democracy – will now receive the celebration and recognition it deserves. Working together, I know women will accomplish even more in the next 100 years to build a country that is more inclusive and equal.”

The *Alice Award* is named after Alice Paul – suffragist, human rights activist and founder of the National Woman’s Party – who spent her life tirelessly working for women’s equality. Past honorees include former Senator Barbara Boxer; Senator Shelley Moore Capito; Senator Patty Murray; former Senator Barbara Mikulski; First Lady Laura Bush; Senators Dianne Feinstein & Olympia Snowe; House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi; Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; Katie Couric; Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and Mary Landrieu; the women pioneers of NPR – Cokie Roberts, Susan Stamberg, Nina Totenberg and Linda Wertheimer; Tipper Gore; Billie Jean King; and Evelyn Lauder.

About the National Woman’s Party. The National Woman’s Party (NWP) at the Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument, on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, celebrates women’s progress toward equality—and explores the evolving role of women and their contributions to society—through educational programs, tours, exhibits, research, and publications. The historic NWP, a leader in the campaign for equal rights and women’s suffrage, owns, maintains and interprets the collection at one of the premier women’s history sites in the country. The NWP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) educational organization, founded in 1916.