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**Senator Jack Reed Honors Emma Joy Galvin as an *Angel in Adoption*[™]
To Be Recognized at National Event in Washington, DC**

Washington, DC – October 2, 2013 – Senator Jack Reed has selected Emma Joy Galvin as a 2013 *Angels in Adoption*[™] awardee for her outstanding advocacy of adoption and foster care issues. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI), which orchestrates the *Angels in Adoption*[™] program, will honor Galvin at an awards ceremony on October 8 and gala on October 9 in Washington, DC.

Emma Joy Galvin, a 17-year-old singer/songwriter from Warwick, RI, is being honored for using her musical gift to help children in need of adoption services. When Emma learned that Adoption Rhode Island needed music and vocals for a meaningful song to represent their agency and mission, she immediately volunteered her talent. Through the kindness of the Galvin family, also an adoptive family, Emma was taken to Nashville, TN to professionally record the song “I Am home”. This beautiful song is an expression of the feelings of a child growing up without a family and the amazing impact that finally finding a forever family can have on a child. She has now made “I Am Home” available to purchase on [iTunes](#), with all proceeds to be donated to Adoption Rhode Island. Her efforts help to raise awareness of the importance of this issue and have a direct impact on many children’s lives across Rhode Island.

“I salute Emma for her commitment to helping others. She has given her time and energy to advocate for children in need of a home and has truly earned the honor of being named an Angel in Adoption,” said Senator Reed.

The *Angels in Adoption*[™] program is CCAI’s signature public awareness campaign and provides an opportunity for all members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans in the United States and abroad. Each year, more than 140 Angels are honored through the *Angels in Adoption*[™] program.

In addition to the more than 140 local angels from around the country, several “National Angels” will also be recognized at the ceremony and gala for their dedication and commitment nationally and internationally to child welfare on a grand scale. This year’s honorees are Korie and Willie Robertson of the popular A&E reality show *Duck Dynasty* and internationally acclaimed actress, director and producer Deborra-Lee Furness Jackman. Former National Angels include First Lady Laura Bush, Patti LaBelle, Jane Seymour, Muhammad Ali, the late Dave Thomas, Steven Curtis Chapman, Bruce Willis, Alonzo Mourning, Rhea Perlman and Kristin Chenoweth.

About Emma Joy Galvin

Emma Joy Galvin is a 17-year-old singer/songwriter from Warwick, RI and a senior at La Salle Academy in Providence. Emma has been performing professionally since the age of 10. For more information, or to download “I Am Home”, visit www.emmajoy.com.

About Adoption Rhode Island

Adoption Rhode Island’s Mission is to facilitate the permanent placement of children waiting in state care and promote adoption as a positive way to create a family. They provide pre and post adoption services to families, advocate for public policy to promote a child’s right to a safe environment and a permanent family, and increase public awareness of the unmet needs of these children. For more information, visit www.adoptionri.org.

About CCAI

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute (CCAI) is a 501(c)3 nonpartisan organization dedicated to raising awareness about the tens of thousands of orphans and foster children in the United States and the millions of orphans around the world in need of permanent, safe, and loving homes through adoption. CCAI’s goal is the elimination of the barriers that hinder these children from realizing their basic right of a family.

CCAI was created in 2001 by the active co-chairs of the bicameral, bipartisan Congressional Coalition on Adoption to more effectively raise Congressional and public awareness about adoption.

The *Angels in Adoption*[™] program was established in 1999 as a Congressional press conference to honor outstanding individuals. Since then, the program has developed into a yearlong public awareness campaign culminating in an extraordinary awards gala and celebration in Washington, DC.

CCAI does not receive any government funding and relies on the generous support of foundations, corporations, and individuals to accomplish their mission. For more information, visit www.ccainstitute.org or www.angelsinadoption.org.

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