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## **Local Long-Term Care Ombudsman Volunteer to be Honored by MetLife Foundation for Extraordinary Volunteer Work**

***Older Volunteers Enrich America Awards Will Be Presented To 26 Individuals Over Age 50 Who  
Are Doing Exemplary Community Volunteer Work***

WASHINGTON - NCCNHR, The National Consumer Voice for Quality Long-Term Care, is pleased to announce that Montgomery County, Maryland resident and Long-Term Care Ombudsman Representative Hilda Woel, age 71, will be honored by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and the MetLife Foundation at the 2010 MetLife Foundation *Older Volunteers Enrich America Awards* on May 7 in Washington, DC.

Woel is one of 26 volunteers over the age of 50 that will be recognized for making exemplary contributions to their communities and for promoting volunteering among older adults. Woel has been a dedicated ombudsman representative since 1985; for almost 25 years, she has worked with long-term care residents to improve their quality of life and care through education about Residents' Rights and regular visitation.

"NCCNHR would like to extend its congratulations to Hilda and the Montgomery County Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program on this wonderful award," said NCCNHR Executive Director Sarah F. Wells. "It is so important to recognize the critical work of volunteer ombudsmen across the country. It's not said nearly enough, but thank you to all the volunteers out there for all that you do. Congratulations again to Hilda."

NCCNHR is host to the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center, which provides technical assistance to ombudsman staff and volunteers. In recognition of the good work of the Center, as a result of Woel's award, NCCNHR will receive a \$1,000 honorarium from the Montgomery County Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program.

The *Older Volunteers Enrich America Awards* program is now in its eighth year. This year's honorees range in age from 59 to 95 years and come from several different states. Winners will receive their awards at the Washington Plaza Hotel.

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