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Congressional Candidate Samm Simpson Speaks for Peace

June 4, 2006 – Samm Simpson, candidate for Congress in Florida's 10th Congressional District, spoke yesterday at the *Weaving a Culture of Peace: The 2006 Convocation of the Florida Peace and Justice Community*, a Florida peace movement gathering in Gainesville to advance a culture of peace in Florida.

Sponsored by the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, www.fcpj.org, the event was held June 2-4, 2006 at the Paramount Center Hotel, in Gainesville, Florida.

Simpson, an active supporter of peace and justice was invited to speak on a panel that discussed, "Peace Culture" values in Florida Electoral Politics. The socially progressive panel considered the challenge of pro-actively "framing" the political discourse with values grounded in peace, social justice, and sustainability in a way that inspires, raises the moral expectations of the electorate, and impacts electoral politics and US public policy.

Ms. Simpson enjoyed taking part in the event. "Having the opportunity to dialogue with other concerned individuals who are looking for ways to improve social, economic and environmental justice was invigorating," she commented. Samm was honored to speak on a panel that included John Frank, Diatom Ventures Consulting (Jacksonville) and David Bruderly, Candidate, Florida Congressional District 6 (Gainesville),

Samm believes that "We need to rethink the phrase 'pro-life.' It really means 'for life.' Most Americans are 'pro-life' because they're pro health care, pro education, pro living wage jobs, pro environment and pro justice and pro a peaceful retirement. 'Pro-life' is about caring for life in all of its phases."

Dunedin resident and independent democrat, Ms. Samm Simpson qualified in May 2006 with over 4,000 voter signed petitions as a candidate for Congress in Florida's 10th Congressional District. Voters now have a clear choice between candidates in November as Simpson's run for public office is fueled by a deep concern over the direction of our great nation. Learn more about candidate Simpson and the issues close to her heart, as she writes almost daily on her blog at www.SammSimpsonforCongress.com.

"Oil, like greed is a natural occurrence. Greed, like oil, has run its course." ~ Samm Simpson

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