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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS “NATIONAL HOME OWNERSHIP MONTH – OWN YOUR FUTURE”

CLEBURNE, TEXAS, June 14, 2006 – President Bush has declared June “National Home Ownership Month”. In honor of the celebration, Cindy Reed, a single Mother from Midlothian, was presented with a Certificate of Congratulations honoring her participation in the USDA Rural Development 502 Home Ownership Program. Ms. Reed is one of thousands of individuals and families who are able to share the American Dream of home ownership through the assistance they have received from USDA Rural Development.

Ms. Reed, a single Mother and special education teacher in the Midlothian Independent School District, was recently able to purchase a new home with the assistance she received from USDA Rural Development. “Before attending a USDA Rural Development meeting held in Venus, I never dreamed I may be able to afford or qualify to own a new house”, said Ms. Reed. “At the time I was paying \$750 a month in rent and looking at an increase in the very near future. I am very grateful to the USDA employees working out of the Hillsboro office for their hard work and helpfulness. My dream of homeownership has now become a reality. I am enjoying a brand new home with my teenage son and feel like I've taken a positive step toward our future. It is my hope that more families like myself, wanting to own their on home, will take that first step towards making their dream come true. When I attended the Venus seminar, then met with the people at the USDA office, I was unsure what the possibilities were and what I needed to do to get started. The friendly people at the Hillsboro USDA office immediately put me at ease and walked me through every step. I felt each person I dealt with genuinely cared about me and my success. Thank you USDA!”

“USDA Rural Development has a long history of assisting rural citizens to achieve and maintain the dream of home ownership. It is with great pride that we join President Bush in celebrating June 2006 as Home Ownership Month,” said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director in Texas.

USDA Rural Development is committed to making the dream of home ownership a reality. Since 2001, we have invested over \$23 billion and assisted almost 250,000 Americans realize the dream of homeownership.

To find out more about our home ownership programs for yourself, a family member or someone you know, please contact the Hillsboro local office at (254) 582-7328, Extension 4, visit our Web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx, or stop by the Rural Development Office at 1502 Highway 77 N. in Hillsboro.

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