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**SCHAKOWSKY STATEMENT ON ELECTION OF REP. JAMES CLYBURN AS  
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS CHAIR**

**WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), a chief deputy Democratic whip, today released the following statement on the election of Congressman James Clyburn as the Democratic Caucus Chair:**

**"Today's unanimous vote to appoint Congressman Jim Clyburn Chair of the Democratic Caucus is a tribute to Jim's leadership and integrity. Congressman Clyburn is a principled leader who, as Vice Chair, has earned the trust and respect of all Democrats. Congressman Clyburn's commitment to faith and diversity has helped our Caucus focus on morally rooted priorities. With Jim at the forefront of our Caucus, I know that Democrats will remain unified and organized as we head into 2006 and beyond."**