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**American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants**

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**WOMAN OF COURAGE ANNOUNCED**

**DAYTON, OHIO** -- The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA) has announced that its Woman of Courage Award was recently given to Wendy A. Lewis at the 2011 Annual Conference for Women in Accounting in Charlotte. It is given by AWSCPA to an individual member for achievement under difficult conditions and circumstances.

Lewis is recognized for her professionalism and dedication to her company, the Jim R. Smith Company., and to her profession as the firm's CFO, while dealing with the serious illnesses of her husband and her sister, as well as the illness and subsequent passing of her stepmother, all within a two-year period.

Lewis continued her high level of activity for her AWSCPA Houston Affiliate, chairing and organizing many of the Affiliate's events during this time, and also served as the 2010-11 AWSCPA National President. Additionally, she is very active in her local church, to include serving on their Board.

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AWSCPA, organized in 1933, is the only national organization committed to the development and advancement of women CPAs in the accounting profession. For its members, AWSCPA provides:

- Resources and support for professional and personal development
- Opportunities for leadership participation, networking and mentoring
- Visibility and recognition for the organization and its members
- Leadership in addressing the concerns of women in the accounting profession

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