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GCAP Makes Investment in Honor of Harrisburg Pioneer to Create Diversity in Government

Construction Industry Mourns Loss of Karen Coates

Harrisburg, PA – Thanks to the generosity and leadership of the General Contractors Association of Pennsylvania (GCAP) a donation has been made to the Karen S. Coates Memorial Scholarship Fund. She died last week at the age of 55, following a short illness. GCAP has committed \$2,500 to help launch this scholarship fund that will benefit women interested in careers in law and government.

Karen Coates was the Chief of Staff to House Speaker Mike Turzai and she's the first female to hold a top senior staff-level position in Pennsylvania's House of Representatives. She was highly respected, successful, and inspirational. With the creation of a scholarship fund in her honor, hopefully many Pennsylvanians will benefit from a more diverse government in the future.

Each of the members of GCAP promotes inclusion in the state's construction industry, an inclusion across race, gender, age, religion, identity, and experience. In honoring Karen Coates by making a contribution to this scholarship fund, GCAP is able carry its members' consistent message of celebrating diversity.

ABOUT: Established in 1953, GCAP is an organization representing the memberships of General Building Contractors Association, Keystone Contractors Association, and Master Builders' Association. Collectively, GCAP represents over 600-plus commercial construction companies based throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For more information on GCAP visit <https://generalcontractorsofpa.com/>.

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