

PRESS RELEASE

... from the Illinois House of Representatives

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

July 30, 2007

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

State Rep. Karen May

Phone: (217) 782-0902

May will Lead CoolGlobes Tour with Project Creator

HIGHLAND PARK – State Rep. Karen May (D-Highland Park) announced Monday that she will lead a tour of the CoolGlobes exhibit in Chicago, on Friday August 10, with Wendy Abrams, the project’s creator.

“This exciting and rare opportunity is a great chance for families to learn about the symbolism and power of urban art,” said May. “Global warming is a real problem and there are many things, big and small, depicted on these globes to help people understand more about practical steps citizens can take to solve this problem.”

Abrams had the inspiration to invite artists from around the world to create five foot tall globes depicting various real solutions to the global warming crisis. It was through her initiative that the project was selected for display as public art at the Field Museum campus. Abrams, who lives in Highland Park and is May’s constituent, offered to accompany the group and answer questions about the project.

“Our goal is to raise awareness of climate change solutions and inspire the public to take action,” said Abrams. “We’re delighted that Representative May has been such a strong Illinois leader in the fight against global warming.”

“Finding ways for state government to play a constructive role in addressing climate change has been one of my legislative priorities this year,” May said. “I am proud that people like Wendy are taking action to empower others to join the fight against global warming.”

The tour will meet at the Highland Park Metra station and depart for Chicago on the 9:34 a.m. train. From Union Station in Chicago, the city’s free trolley will take participants to the museum campus where a museum docent will lead a walking tour of the CoolGlobes exhibit, followed by time for lunch on the grounds. The group will return via trolley and Metra in mid-afternoon. The tour is free of charge. Participants are responsible for their own train fare and may pre-order an optional box lunch for \$8.95. Please RSVP for the tour and lunch by Wednesday, August 8, to Traci Haback in May’s office by calling (847) 433-9100.

###