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GOVERNOR DEDICATES NEW BUILDING TO HOUSE WOMEN'S STUDIES AT DOUGLASS COLLEGE

Gov. Christie Whitman today demonstrated her support for women's studies and advancing women's leadership when she dedicated the new Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building at Rutgers' Douglass College. The building will house the Institute for Women's Leadership Consortium at Douglass College and the Women's Studies Program at Rutgers New Brunswick Campus.

"At Rutgers, as at no other university in the country, students will find the most comprehensive set of resources available for examining and advancing women's leadership," Gov. Whitman said.

"Douglass College is the largest college for women in the country," the Governor said. "And the Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building will add significantly to Douglass' reputation as the nation's premier college for women's studies."

Gov. Whitman is the Honorary Chair of the New Leadership program at the Center for the American Woman and Politics, which is part of the Women's Leadership Consortium at Douglass College.

"This program, which encourages women to seek office, is obviously something near and dear to my heart," Gov. Whitman said. "Given that I followed a road to the governorship that had previously been untraveled by women, I like to think that the Center for the American Woman and Politics will help make it easier for others to follow the same path or blaze new ones."

The \$2.5 million Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building on Rutgers' New Brunswick Campus was funded through public and private donations. Major contributors include J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts and the Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund. The Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund provided \$900,000 toward the construction of the building, which is named after a 1946 graduate of New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass College). Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett was the wife of the late J. Seward Johnson, Sr., and an active member of the New Brunswick community.