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## Emily's List 25th Anniversary Luncheon

Emily's List, an organization dedicated to ensuring that our representative democracy is met by helping elect pro-choice Democratic women to all levels of government, had its 25th anniversary luncheon at the Hilton Washington on Thursday afternoon.

The event drew an impressive crowd, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), Sens. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Esther Coopersmith, Christie Vilsack, wife of Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, and others. Many men also came out to support the cause, including Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Al Franken (D-Minn.).

"Because of the strong Democratic majority, I have the honor of being Speaker of the House and a woman with a seat at a table of power," Pelosi said. Chairman of the Board and founder of Emily's List Ellen Malcolm was honored at the event. "We hold the rebellious spirit of our country's founders," she said.

The crowd also held a moment of silence for Dorothy Height, who was buried Thursday.  
-report and photographs by Kate Oczypok



Esther Coopersmith, Christie Vilsack, Franni Bryson, wife of Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.), Kathy Kemper



Franni Bryson introduces Kathy Kemper to her husband, Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.)

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