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**Egyptian Students to Shadow Members of Congress, Discuss U.S. Domestic and Foreign Policy  
U.S. Embassy Funded Study Program Enters 5<sup>th</sup> Year**

WASHINGTON – On Sunday, September 2, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) will welcome a delegation of sixteen students from Cairo University to Washington, D.C. as they participate in the 5th Annual Model American Congress Program through September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Who:** Third and fourth year Cairo University students selected from top tier participants in the 2007 Cairo University Model American Congress Simulation where students took on the role of Members of the U.S. Congress. For many students, this is their first substantive experience abroad. Bios are available upon request.

**What:** Highlights of the program, which was initiated in 2003 and is funded by the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, will include:

- A five day fellowship in a Congressional office during which the students will shadow Members of Congress and senior policy staff, attend committee hearings, participate in staff meetings and assist in research and other activities related to legislation and policy. A list of participating Congressional offices is available upon request.
- Meetings and discussions with various experts on U.S. government, politics, domestic policy and foreign relations, including officials from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, the Middle East Institute, the Arab-American Institute, C-SPAN and the professional staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
- A structured dialogue between the delegates and students from The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC), an educational nonprofit organization which provides select students from across the United States and the world challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit.
- A reception in the students' honor from 5:30 pm -7:00 pm on September 11 at The Monocle Restaurant on Capitol Hill. Attendees will include ACYPL alumni, ACYPL Trustees, Members of Congress, their staff and representatives from the diplomatic community. *R.S.V.P. required.*

**When:** September 2-15, 2007

**Why:** The purpose of this program is to:

- Connect motivated Egyptian students with the United States Congress and their American peers in order to further their understanding of the United States, its government and its culture.
- Facilitate direct, candid dialogue and interaction between the students and the American public which will provide a positive, lasting impact.

***About The American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)***

Recognized by the U.S. Congress as a pre-eminent catalyst for introducing rising political leaders and policy makers to international affairs and to each other, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) is a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization based in Washington, DC. Since its founding in 1966, ACYPL has conducted programs and exchanges with more than 90 nations, producing a global network of several thousand alumni. Former ACYPL participants include 38 sitting members of the U.S. Congress, 6 sitting U.S. governors and ambassadors, cabinet ministers and parliamentarians around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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