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**ACYPL Delegations to Depart on Exchanges to the Middle East and Asia;
Delegation Members Include Young Political Leaders From Across the United States**

WASHINGTON – On Friday, May 11, two delegations of young political leaders from across the United States will depart on political exchange programs organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). The first delegation will visit Israel and the Palestinian Territories and the second delegation will visit South Korea. Prior to leaving for their exchange country, each delegation will spend one day in Washington, D.C., where they will meet with, and be briefed by, officials from the relevant embassies and diplomatic missions, the U.S. Department of State and other country experts.

Distinguished U.S. alumni of these programs include U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, Jr., Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, U.S. Under Secretary of State Paula J. Dobriansky, California Controller John Chiang and former U.S. Ambassador Michael E. Ussery.

Who: Young political leaders from Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Utah, Washington State and Washington, D.C. [Delegate lists and biographies available upon request]

What: Program highlights will include:

- Meetings with elected and appointed members of the three branches of government (executive, legislative and judicial) at the national, regional (state) and local levels.
- Meetings with representatives from all the major political parties and from non-governmental organizations that represent political and social interests.
- Candid discussions on current bilateral and multilateral relations with policy-makers and those who implement policy.

When: May 10-11, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)
May 12-23, 2007 (Israel and the Palestinian Territories)
May 12-25, 2007 (South Korea)

Why: ACYPL's exchange programs:

- Expose delegates to the political systems and cultures of the countries and regions they visit.
- Cultivate lasting political, economic and cultural relationships between delegates and their peers in the countries and regions they visit.
- Allow them to engage in dialogue on international issues.

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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