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MEDIA ADVISORY

**International Exchange Organization to Honor U.S. Reps. Cole and Pastor at Ninth Annual
Congressional Honors Gala
House Republican Whip, Other Congressional Alumni to attend**

WASHINGTON – On June 6, the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL), a bi-partisan, not-for-profit international exchange organization whose alumni include thirty-eight members of Congress, will honor U.S. Representative Tom Cole, R-Okla., and U.S. Representative Ed Pastor, D-Ariz., at ACYPL's Ninth Annual Congressional Honors Gala. Over 200 distinguished guests, including House Republican Whip Roy Blunt, will attend the event to be held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States in Washington, D.C.

Who: Congressional alumni of ACYPL exchanges, members of the Diplomatic Corps, State Department officials, ACYPL Trustees, a seven member delegation of young political leaders from Venezuela and ACYPL alumni, friends and corporate partners.

Honorees:

- **U.S. Representative Tom Cole**, R-Okla., Chairman, National Republican Congressional Committee
- **U.S. Representative Ed Pastor**, D-Ariz., House Majority Chief Deputy Whip

Co-Chairs:

- **Deborah M. Holt**, Federal Representative, State of Indiana
- **Leo C. Jardot**, Vice President, Government Relations, Wyeth

What: A gala fundraiser hosted by the American Council of Young Political Leaders.

When: Wednesday, June 6, 2007 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Where: Organization of American States Headquarters
17th Street N.W. and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Why: To honor U.S. Representative Tom Cole, R-Okla., and U.S. Representative Ed Pastor, D-Ariz., for their dedication to public service and the principles of international cooperation, understanding and accord.

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>.

PLEASE NOTE – MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA MUST RSVP TO ATTEND THIS EVENT. TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ACYPL, PLEASE CONTACT MIKE GARRETSON AT 202-857-0999 x 27 or mgarretson@acypl.org.

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