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**Six Young Political Leaders From Across the U.S. to Depart On Exchange to Egypt and Jordan;
Study Program to Focus on Citizen Diplomacy**

WASHINGTON - A delegation of six young political leaders from across the United States will depart on Friday, June 15, for a two week political exchange program in Egypt and Jordan organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL). Their departure is preceded by a day of meetings and briefings in Washington, D.C. with officials from the Egyptian and Jordanian embassies and the U.S. Department of State.

This delegation will be the 14th U.S. ACYPL delegation to visit Egypt and the 8th to visit Jordan. Alumni of this exchange include over 100 political leaders from throughout the United States, such as U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels, Jr., R-Ind., and Maryland State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, D-Md.

Who: Young political leaders from across the American political spectrum, including:

- **The Honorable Shannon Barnett (R) - School Board Director, Kalama School District, Washington State**
- **Ms. Leigh Garland (D) - National Finance Director, Friends of John Kerry/Keeping America's Promise**
- **The Honorable Andrew Gillum (D) - Commissioner, City of Tallahassee, Florida**
- **The Honorable Beth Low (D) - Member, Missouri House of Representatives**
- **The Honorable Al Park (D) (Escort) - Member, New Mexico House of Representatives**
- **Mr. Brendan Sullivan (R) - Program Officer, American Council of Young Political Leaders**

What: Highlights will include meetings with a wide variety of Egyptian and Jordanian political and community leaders, such as:

- Dr. Osama El Baz, Political Advisor to Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak; the Egyptian Ministers of Communications & Information Technology and Trade & Industry; the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Egyptian People's Assembly (lower house of parliament) and members of the Egyptian Shoura Council (upper house) as well as representatives from the major Egyptian political parties.
- the Speaker of the Jordanian Senate and House, the Jordanian Ministers of Industry & Trade and Planning & International Cooperation, the Mayor of Amman and representatives from the National Forum for Youth and Culture, the King Abdullah II Fund for Development and the Al Ghad Arabic daily newspaper.

When: June 15, 2007 (Washington, D.C.)
June 16-23, 2007 (Egypt)
June 23-29, 2007 (Jordan)

Why: The purpose of this program is to:

- Expose the delegates to the Egyptian and Jordanian political systems and cultures.
- Cultivate lasting political, economic and cultural relationships between the delegates and their Egyptian and Jordanian peers.

- 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 from around the globe. For more information on ACYPL, please visit <http://www.acypl.org>.

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