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International Leadership Foundation hosts Annual Gala in Washington, D.C. *Congressman Mike Honda, Governor Bobby Jindal, Committee of 100, other Asian American Visionaries to be honored*

The International Leadership Foundation (ILF) is proud to honor two distinguished public servants: Congressman Mike Honda, representing California's Silicon Valley in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2001 and Bobby Jindal, the newly-elected Governor of Louisiana. The ILF will also honor the Committee of 100, a national organization working on behalf of Chinese-Americans. US Department of Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao, the first female Asian American Cabinet Secretary, and 2002 ILF honoree, will deliver the keynote address. The ILF will welcome these distinguished guests at its annual Gala Dinner to be held at the Washington Hilton on Thursday, July 17, 2008 at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009 at 6 p.m. This year's theme is "A Salute to Asian Pacific American Visionaries." Please register online at www.ILEADER.org.

Congressman Mike Honda

Confined in an internment camp for Japanese-Americans as a young boy during World War II, Mike Honda has represented California's 15th Congressional District since 2001. His diverse district includes Silicon Valley, the birthplace of technology innovation. Besides his willingness to stand up for the civil rights of Asian Americans, Muslims and other minorities, Congressman Honda has also earned a reputation among his colleagues as an effective legislator. Congressman Honda serves on the powerful Appropriations Committee. In February 2005, he was elected as Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee. In January, 2007, he was named House Democratic Senior Whip.

Governor Bobby Jindal

Bobby Jindal was elected Governor of Louisiana in October, 2007. Only 36 years old, he earned national attention by immediately calling a special session of the Louisiana State Legislature and pushing through a package of ethics reform and tough anti-corruption measures. He earned degrees from Brown and Oxford universities and first entered public office at age 24, as head of the state Department of Health and Hospitals, where he earned praise for rescuing Louisiana's insolvent Medicare program. He lost a close race for Governor in 2003 and was elected to Congress a year later. Governor Jindal is the first elected Indian-American governor in U.S. history.



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The Committee of 100

Founded in 1989, the Committee of 100 is an independent organization composed of Chinese American leaders in a broad range of professions. With their knowledge and experience, they have committed themselves to encouraging stronger relations between the U.S. and Greater China; and encouraging the full participation of Chinese and other Asian-Americans in all aspects of American life. The Committee of 100 issues reports and surveys tracking the progress of, and attitudes towards, Asian Americans in U.S. society.

ILF “Asian American Visionary” Honorees

Aumua Amata, a community activist from American Samoa on the board of Goodwill Industries; Solomon Chen, the CEO/ President of Superior Communications; Sachi Koto, President of Sachio Koto Communications; and Sunny Park, CEO, of General Building Maintenance will receive ILF Visionary Awards. Eva Cai, Director of the Wealthlink Capital Group; Mike S Lee, CEO of Orient Construction, and Milestone Construction Corporations; Dr. James Jian Cui, National Director of China Aids Fund; Sam Chang, Founder/Owner of McSam Hotel Group LLC; and Allen Zhao, Chairman of the Board of Shine Ocean and CEO of High Force (Hong Kong) Ltd. will receive ILF’s Leadership Award for service to the community.

About the ILF

The ILF is a non-profit organization that promotes the civic involvement and economic development of the future leaders of the APA community. ILF introduces the next generation of APA leaders to all aspects of civic leadership and entrepreneurial development. The ILF Civic Fellowship program is the cornerstone of our efforts. For the past 10 years, ILF has provided scholarships and leadership training for over 500 APA college students to participate in our Civic Fellowship program in Washington, DC and other leadership training. We select students who are likely to become leaders in the academic, business, community, professional, or public services. Check www.ILEADER.org for gala details.

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