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President Bush Selects Committee of 100 Member Michelle Kwan as Member of the Presidential Delegation to the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Games

(New York City, NY-July 23, 2008)--President George W. Bush today announced the designation of a Presidential Delegation to the Closing Ceremony of the Olympic Games in Beijing, China on August 24, 2008. Committee of 100 member Michelle Kwan, Figure Skating Champion and American Public Diplomacy Envoy will be a part of the 7-member delegation led by the Honorable Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State.

The other Members of the Presidential Delegation include the Honorable Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor; the Honorable Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services; the Honorable Clark T. Randt, Jr., United States Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; the Honorable Karen Hughes, Global Vice Chair of Burson-Marsteller and Mr. Peter Ueberroth, President of the United States Olympic Committee.

Joining Committee of 100 in June of this year, Michelle Kwan is the most decorated figure skater in United States history. Kwan dominated the sport like no other skater in history, winning an unprecedented 43 championships, including five World Championships, eight consecutive and nine overall U.S. National Championships and two Olympic medals. In November 2006, U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice appointed Kwan as the first American Public Diplomacy Envoy. In this capacity she travels the world and meets with young people to speak about leadership and to engage them in dialogue on social and educational issues.

The Committee of 100 is delighted that Michelle Kwan has been selected as a member of this official US delegation," commented John L. Fugh, C-100 Chairman, "Michelle will be an outstanding ambassador, and we appreciate her contribution to a better understanding between the peoples of America and China."

Founded in 1989, the Committee of 100 is an independent, non-profit membership organization composed of Chinese American leaders in a broad range of professions. Its dual mission is to (1) encourage a stronger relationship between the people of the U.S. and Greater China and (2) encourage the full participation of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life. For more information: www.committee100.org.

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