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The Honorable Ray LaHood, US Secretary of Transportation, will deliver the 2011 *International Affairs Keynote Address* at the World Affairs Council – Washington, DC's annual Global Education Gala at The Ritz-Carlton – Washington DC on March 9.

Other honorees include **His Excellency Gary Doer**, Ambassador of Canada to the United States, receiving the *Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award*, who will provide an overview of Canadian – US Bilateral Priorities; **Dr. Cornelius Kerwin**, President, The American University, who will receive the *Educator of the Year Award* and outline AU's commitment to Global Education & International Affairs; **Intel's** acceptance of the *Global Education Award* by **Wendy Hawkins**, Executive Director, Intel Foundation, who will comment on The US, Canada & the World; & **Marvin Kalb**, Former CBS News & NBC chief diplomatic correspondent & Host of the *Kalb Report*, who will emcee the event and receive the 2011 *Global Communications Award* & give remarks on The Future of Journalism.

The World Affairs Council – Washington, DC, 'A Leading Forum for Global Education & International Affairs' and an institution 'Where Learning Happens.' will host its annual Global Education Gala at the **Ritz-Carlton Hotel** at 1150 22nd Street, NW, in Washington, DC. The dinner highlights the Council's regional, national, and global outreach programs that involve students, teachers, community leaders, American citizens, and international community representatives in programs that expand their understanding of global education and international affairs issues that impact the United States and its relationships with the the world.

The dinner will involve 500 guests; including 50 ambassadors from the Washington diplomatic corps, former WAC -DC honorees, White House, Cabinet, Congressional, business, civic, labor, trade & professional association & press and media representatives.

The WAC-DC board of directors is composed of distinguished corporate, former governmental, diplomatic and NGO representatives, educators, and civic leaders committed to implementing the council's global education and international affairs priorities.

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary, US Department of Transportation said, "Intermodal transportation plays an important role in increasing economic development, trade, and tourism between the United States and Canada, the world's largest bilateral trading relationship. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to working with our Canadian counterparts to achieve this mutually beneficial goal, and we appreciate the exemplary work of the World Affairs Council - DC in helping us achieve this mission."

John Duff, Chairman, WAC-DC, stated "Our Board is proud to recognize our distinguished honorees with our highest annual awards for their continuing dedication to the simple principle that we, all of us, and especially our young people, are better off if we have a deeper understanding of the world in which we live."

His Excellency Gary Doer, Ambassador of Canada to the US, said "Part of our economic success as North American partners depends on talented Canadians and Americans who have lived and studied abroad while experiencing different cultures. For the past 20 years, education programs jointly funded by both federal governments and the private sector have enabled students and faculty in Canada and the United States to reach across our border and expand their horizons, by supporting their studies, research and teaching. We live in a global society and a digital age where we need to develop the international and intercultural skills to compete in this complex world. I am pleased to accept the Distinguished Diplomatic Service Award from the World Affairs Council of Washington, DC in recognizing Canada's efforts. I also applaud the other award recipients who are taking global education to the next level with substantive initiatives that raise awareness and give all of us an opportunity to learn."

Dr. Cornelius Kerwin, President, American University said, "International education, global involvement, and public service are paramount in today's society and remain a priority at American University. On behalf of our international students, faculty, staff and alumni from more than 140 nations, and the globally oriented U.S. students, faculty and staff who attend and work at American University, I am honored to accept the *Educator of the Year Award* from an organization dedicated to strengthening worldwide connections and global bonds.

Wendy Hawkins, Executive Director, Intel Foundation stated "We at Intel believe in the profound impact of education in creating opportunity, building understanding, and driving innovation. Our work with governments and educators reaching more than 70 countries around the world – whether in the form of our employees' time and talents, the enabling power of our technology, the impact of our programs, or simply the financial resources needed to make our vision a reality – is offered with the goal of real and lasting change. We are deeply honored that the World Affairs Council is recognizing our efforts, and especially to share that honor with Secretary LaHood, Ambassador Doer, and Dr. Kerwin. Whether the deep and abiding friendship of Canada and the United States, or relationships with countries large and small, rich and poor, in all regions of the world, our shared values of education, open communication, opportunity and innovation will help to build a better, stronger and safer world for all."

Marvin Kalb, Host, *The Kalb Report* said "My gratitude to the World Affairs Council for recognizing and honoring the role of communications in this 2011 Global Education Gala. The deeper we all plunge into the new webbed world of communication, the more we understand how profoundly intertwined we have all become in politics, diplomacy, finance and, yes, journalism. We can no longer take anything for granted. Our responsibilities have increased, as more people come to depend on our product.

A free press can ensure a free society, but only if it is not shackled to government handouts, only if it pursues truth in even the loftiest corners of society."

NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. **The Honorable Ray LaHood** is currently the 16th US Secretary of Transportation. Prior to his appointment, LaHood served for 14 years, from 1995-2009, in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 18th District of Illinois. During that time, he served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, as well as the House Appropriations Committee. Prior to joining the House, he served as Chief of Staff to U.S. Congressman Robert Michel and as District Administrative Assistant to Congressman Thomas Railsback. He also has experience with the Illinois State Legislature. Prior to his career in government, Secretary LaHood was a junior high school teacher and director of the Rock Island County Youth Services Bureau and Chief planner for the Bi-States Metropolitan Planning Commission in Illinois. He holds a degree in science from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.
2. **Dr. Cornelius Kerwin** is currently the 14th President of The American University in Washington, DC. Dr. Kerwin was appointed president in 2007 after serving as interim president since 2005 and as provost since 1997. As provost, Dr. Kerwin served as the university's chief academic officer, leading approximately 475 full-time teaching faculty in AU's six schools and colleges. He supervised numerous offices including the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment and the Office of the Registrar. He has worked with the deans and faculty committees to complete a review of AU's master's and doctoral programs to create distinctive market niches, improve physical facilities, and enhance national reputations. Dr. Kerwin also served as a professor of public administration in the School of Public Affairs, where he was nationally recognized as a specialist in public policy, with an emphasis on the regulatory process. He is active in a number of professional associations and societies including the National Academy of Public Administration, the National Association of Schools for Public Affairs and the Section on Public Law and Administration of the American Society for Public Administration.
3. **His Excellency Gary Doer** was appointed Ambassador of Canada to the United States in 2009. Prior to his appointment, he served as Premier of Manitoba for ten years where he worked extensively with U.S. Governors to enhance Canada-U.S. cooperation on trade, agriculture, water protection, climate change and renewable energy. In 2005, Ambassador Doer was named by *Business Week* magazine as one of the top 20 international leaders on climate change. His government is credited with introducing balanced budgets during each of his ten years in office while reducing many taxes, including a plan to eliminate small business tax. As Premier, he led strategic investments in health care, education, and training and infrastructure. During his extensive career in government, Ambassador Doer also served as a member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba for Concordia, Minister of Urban Affairs in the Government of Manitoba, and Minister of Crown Investments.
4. **Wendy Hawkins** is the Executive Director of the Intel Foundation which is active worldwide, awarding grants totaling approximately \$40 million each year and focusing on STEM education increasing opportunities for girls, women, and under-represented minorities, and supporting the volunteerism and philanthropic efforts of Intel's employees in education, their communities, and in response to disasters around the world. In addition to 20-plus years managing education philanthropy for Intel, she has developed and managed numerous global, national and local education programs, including Intel[®] Teach, a global teacher professional development initiative which has helped more than

- 9 million teachers worldwide develop the technical skills and resources to eliminate the walls around their classrooms and bring the world to their students' fingertips, giving their students the skills they will need to thrive in the 21st century.
5. **Marvin Kalb** is the host of *The Kalb Report*, a monthly discussion of media ethics and responsibility at the National Press Club in Washington, DC; produced in co-operation with the Global Media Institute of The George Washington University. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Shorenstein Center for the Press, Politics and Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He also serves as a Lecturer in Public Policy, and Faculty Chair for the School's Washington Programs. Mr. Kalb boasts a distinguished 30-year career as Chief Diplomatic Correspondent for CBS News and NBC News, and as moderator of Meet the Press. He has also hosted a number of television series for the Public Broadcasting System including Vox Populi and Candidates. He frequently provides media commentary and analysis through radio and television interviews and Op-Ed columns in the country's leading newspapers, and is a regular guest on The Newshour with Jim Lehrer. Mr. Kalb has received numerous awards for excellence in diplomatic reporting, including two Peabody Prizes from the University of Georgia and the DuPont Prize from Columbia University, The Fourth Estate Award of the National Press Club – The World's Leading Organization for Journalists and more than a half-dozen Overseas Press Club awards.