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**CHLI Trade & International Affairs Symposium Highlights U.S. Hispanic
Community's Contribution to the Global Economy**

Washington, D.C. – The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) is holding its first annual CHLI Trade & International Affairs Symposium during Hispanic Heritage Month on Monday, October 1st in Washington, D.C., that will highlight the U.S. Hispanic community's contributions to the global economy with keynote address by His Excellency Alvaro Uribe, Former President of Colombia.

"In the spirit of CHLI's vision of advancing the Hispanic Community's diversity of thought, our trade symposium fills a void in the national conversations about how Hispanics contribute to the global economy from in and outside of the United States. Hispanics are authentically poised to lead in the international community, and CHLI is proud to add an intellectual conversation that brings together experts and future leaders," said former U.S. Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart, CHLI Founder and Chairman.

The CHLI Trade & International Affairs Symposium will provide unique insights into free trade agreements, corporate social responsibility, economic development, and the proven benefits that a strong trade environment provides, not only to the Hispanic community in the U.S. but to our neighboring countries as well.

"The Hispanic population plays a pivotal role in the U.S. economy and we need to highlight those contributions, from the community as a whole as well as the individual achievement of stellar Latino leaders all across the nation," stated CHLI Vice-Chairman and Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart.

The Symposium features speakers representing a diverse group of corporations and organizations: Jennifer Diaz, Nancy Dorn, Manuel Gomez, Anna Cabral, Ambassador Flavio Espinal, Richard Cotton, David Manke, Shanker Singham, Sarah Thorn and Ambassador Raul Yzaguirre.

“CHLI has always been conscious about the importance of a quality education, and the provision of quality opportunities to continue that education. It is for that reason that we are providing Continuing Legal Education credits to attorneys attending this one of a kind event,” stated CHLI Vice-Chairman and Congressman Henry Cuellar. CHLI has arranged for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits to be accredited to attorneys attending the symposium from the states of Florida, California, Texas, Virginia and New York.

The inimitable dedication that CHLI has shown to developing and promoting global leaders, has garnered incredible partners that share the enthusiasm and commitment to the Hispanic community. The Florida International University College of Law, Hispanic National Bar Association and the Hispanic Lobbyists Association have been extremely supportive of CHLI and have provided their expertise to assist in creating the first CHLI Trade & International Affairs Symposium.

“On behalf of CHLI’s Board of Directors, we take great pride in creating the opportunity for Hispanic and non-Hispanic experts to discuss global issues during Hispanic Heritage Month. The intersections of education, public policy and global business perspectives are at the core of CHLI’s programs. Only CHLI could provide such a gathering of experts for all to learn from and share while offering CLE credits to area attorneys,” expressed Mary Ann Gomez, CHLI Executive Director.

The organization of this event would not have been possible without the contributions by sponsors and friends to CHLI: Continental Security Interactive Inc.; Walmart; Comcast/NBC/Telemundo; Ford Motor Company; General Electric; Pratt & Whitney: A United Technology Company; Squire Sanders LLC and AT&T.

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The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and non-partisan organization. CHLI’s vision is Advancing the Hispanic Community’s Diversity of Thought. CHLI is the premier organization founded by Members of Congress and Hispanic corporate executive leaders to advance the Hispanic community’s economic progress with a focus on social responsibility and global competitiveness. The organization’s leadership, domestic and international partners, and staff prepare and promote Hispanic college students and young professionals to be global leaders. Programs incorporate the intersections of academic excellence, public policy and global perspectives.

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