



CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE PRESIDENCY AND CONGRESS

CSPC TO HONOR SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN AND DAVID WALKER

For Immediate Release

March 24, 2009

Contact: Thomas M. Kirlin Ph.D.

Vice President of Operations

202-872-9800 or TKirlin@thePresidency.org

On March 26th, the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, a non-partisan, non-profit organization, will present **Senator Dianne Feinstein** of California with its *Publius Award* at the Center's 42nd Awards Dinner at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, DC. This award celebrates Senator Feinstein's strong public record of reaching across party lines to accomplish significant legislative goals.

The *Publius Award* draws its name from those Founding Fathers who authored the *Federalist Papers*, 1787-1788, under the collective pseudonym, "Publius," or "friend of the public." These leaders set aside their different schools of thought for a higher purpose—the ratification of the Constitution.

"Senator Feinstein has been bringing together Democrats, Republicans and Independents in the Senate since 1992, and has been essential to protecting our nation's security, combating crime and violence, protecting Americans' health and saving our natural resources," said David Abshire, President of the Center. "She truly works in the spirit of 'Publius' as she reaches across the aisle on issues of concern to all Americans."

The Center will present **the Honorable David Walker** with the *Hamilton Award* in recognition of his efforts to educate policymakers and the American people about the country's growing fiscal challenges. As former Comptroller General of the U.S. and now as CEO of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, Mr. Walker has been an innovative, non-partisan advocate who has pressed government officials and the public to address the major fiscal challenges that threaten America's strategic freedom of action. Mr. Walker also serves as a Co-chair of the Center's Strengthening America's Future Initiative, which is releasing its preliminary report the following day.

The *Hamilton Award* draws its name from Alexander Hamilton, the brilliant strategic thinker and first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury who initiated policies that built the financial foundation of the United States during the country's critical first years.

"David Walker is a man of principle and is tireless in sounding the alarm over the crises facing this country," said Abshire. "He would make Alexander Hamilton proud for his dedication to this issue and his selfless service to the nation."

During the dinner, the Center will recognize this year's participants in its Presidential Fellows Program, a unique educational initiative that offers 85 select undergraduate and graduate students from leading colleges and universities a year-long opportunity to study the U.S. Presidency, the public policymaking process, and our Chief Executive's relations with Congress, allies, the media, and the American public. Two Fellows will be honored with the James R. Moffett Award for the Most Original Paper on the Modern Presidency and the Donald B. Marron Award for the Best Historical Analysis of the Presidency.

The Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress is a non-profit, non-partisan 501(c)3 organization that seeks to further the understanding and functioning of the American Presidency and its related institutions and, thereby, to educate, illuminate, and inspire leaders of tomorrow. More information about the organization can be found at www.thePresidency.org.

###