CHLI TO PRESENT AWARDS TO PRESIDENT CALDERÃ“N OF MEXICO AND PRESIDENT OF UNIVISION NETWORKS CESAR CONDE AT ANNUAL GALA

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Washington, DC – The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI) announced today that it will be presenting its International Leadership Award to the President of Mexico, His Excellency Felipe Calderón and its Corporate Leadership Award to Cesar Conde, President of Univision Networks. These awards are in recognition of their respective contributions to the positive advancement of the U.S. Hispanic Community, which is now the nation's second largest demographic group, the largest minority according to 2010 Census results, and the second largest economic market with an estimated purchasing power of more than $1 trillion.

"We are honored to salute and recognize President Felipe Calderon of Mexico for his courageous fight for the rule of law in his country. President Calderon has earned the admiration of all Hispanics," said Lincoln Díaz-Balart (FL), CHLI Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

Previous CHLI leadership award recipients include President Ma Ying-jeou of the Republic of China (Taiwan), former Prime Minister of Spain Jose María Aznar, former Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert, Senator Robert Menéndez (NJ), former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutiérrez, Senator Lindsey Graham (SC), and U.S. Congressman Mike Pence. CHLI's annual gala will take place on May 11, 2011 in Washington, D.C., and will include the presence of numerous Members of Congress from both political parties.

"The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute is bestowing its 2011 CHLI Corporate Leadership Award to Cesar Conde, for his exemplary leadership on critical issues to the Hispanic community, the largest minority group in the United States. Cesar Conde is a role model for all Hispanics," said Lincoln Díaz-Balart (FL), CHLI Board Chairman and former member of Congress.

Sponsors for the event include: Comcast/Telemundo; General Electric, Heineken USA; Altria; AT&T; Carnival Foundation; Cruise Industry Charitable Foundation; Dell; Azteca America, Banco Popular; Coca-Cola Company; Computer Science Corporation; Ford Motor Company; Kraft; National Association of Broadcasters; Oracle; PepsiCo; Pfizer; PG&E; Toyota North America; Wal-Mart; and Western Union.

About CHLI: The Congressional Hispanic Leadership Institute (CHLI, pronounced "chili") is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, based in Washington, D.C., that advances the diversity of thought in U.S. Hispanic community in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, as well as in the international community. For more information, please visit www.chli.org. You may also connect with us on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

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