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Richland County Treasurer Selected For International Young Political Leaders Program

Washington, D.C. – Richland County Treasurer David A. Adams has been selected by the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) as a delegate to Japan for a two week political study program beginning April 13, 2007. He will join six other young political leaders from across the United States to study Japan's political system, engage in dialogue on international issues, and forge professional relationships.

“ACYPL targets young political leaders likely to assume future leadership positions in their national governments,” said Brad Minnick, ACYPL Executive Director. “Our international exchanges build bridges between emerging leaders in the U.S. and other countries to promote mutual understanding and respect for each others' political cultures and ideologies.”

Mr. Adams will join other delegates in Washington, D.C., for briefings by the U.S. Department of State before flying to Tokyo. The program will provide the delegates opportunities to travel within the country, and interact with rising local, municipal, and national leaders, business communities, and civic groups.

“I am honored to represent the ACYPL in Tokyo,” said Mr. Adams. “This will be a chance to better understand the current political and social dynamics there, and help people there better understand the United States.”

Since 1966, ACYPL has conducted bilateral exchanges in order to promote awareness and understanding of the common problems, opportunities, and challenges that face the international community. Over 90 nations in Eastern and Western Europe, Latin America, Africa, and the Pacific Rim have participated in exchange programs with ACYPL. ACYPL receives partial funding from the U.S. Department of State and has been endorsed as an important source of education on key foreign policy issues for rising American and foreign political leaders.

ACYPL delegates are chosen from a competitive, bipartisan field of candidates from across the nation who are between the ages of 25 and 40 and have exhibited strong leadership during their careers in public or private service. Former ACYPL participants include current members of the U.S. Congress, U.S. state governors, ambassadors, cabinet secretaries, and foreign prime ministers.

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