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Vietnamese Benefactor Tran Dinh Truong to be honored at NAVASA Recognition Banquet

Washington D.C.— Director of Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), Dr. Nguyen Van Hanh, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, will present the “Humanitarian Award” to Mr. Tran Dinh Truong at the National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) Conference Recognition Banquet. The Recognition will start at 7pm on Thursday July 24, 2003 at the Seafood World Restaurant on 15351 Brookhurst Avenue, Westminster, California.

Mr. Tran Dinh Truong donated \$2 million dollars, two days after the 9/11 attacks, to the Disaster Relief Fund organized by the American Red Cross. The fund was set up to help families and friends of the victims of 9/11 in New York City. Mr. Tran and his family are long term residents of New York. He is the owner of Hotel Lafayette in Buffalo and Hotel Carter in New York City.

Mr. Tran’s generosity is a prime example of the support and civic conscientiousness that is prevalent in the Vietnamese American community. As the affects of war and tragedy are known all too well to many in the Vietnamese community, numerous Vietnamese community leaders and philanthropists have joined Mr. Tran in showing their support to fellow American citizens.

“As a prominent entrepreneur in his adopted country, Mr. Tran Dinh Truong to the September 11th relief fund symbolized his generosity and compassion for the victims of terrorism and the desire to contribute to the noble cause of assistance in the time of national needs”, stated ORR Director Dr. Nguyen Van Hanh.

NAVASA will also honor Professor Le Xuan Khoa with the “Life-Time Service Award” for his invaluable contributions and tireless championship of NAVASA. In addition, NAVASA will honor its National Young Community Leaders at the Banquet.

“Both Mr. Tran and Mr. Le epitomize what the Vietnamese American community has contributed to American mainstream. We are proud of their service records and by honoring them, we inspire our youth to dedicate their energy to community service and excel in leadership positions,” acknowledged Duc Duong, NAVASA Chair.

Mr. Nguyen Nam Loc, Director of USCC (United States Catholic Charities) in Los Angeles, will be the Master of Ceremony at NAVASA Recognition Banquet.

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NAVASA is a national advocacy agency currently comprised of 31 mutual assistance associations (MAAs). Since its incorporation in 1995 as a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, NAVASA has promoted economic self-sufficiency and active citizenship for Vietnamese-Americans through full participation in the socio-political system. Located in metropolitan Washington DC, NAVASA is fully committed to assisting its affiliate organizations to address the civic, economic, linguistic, and social needs facing community members in their specific localities.

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