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NAMIC ANNOUNCES CONGRESSMAN G.K. BUTTERFIELD AND UNIVISION'S JORGE RAMOS AS GUEST SPEAKERS FOR THE 2009 NAMIC ANNUAL AWARDS BREAKFAST

NEW YORK, NY – March 19, 2009 - - The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** today announced that **Congressman G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C.**, and Univision Network news anchor **Jorge Ramos** will be the featured speakers for the **NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast**. Scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, DC, the event will also be highlighted by the presentation of the **Next Generation Leaders Awards**. The NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast is held in conjunction with the National Cable & Telecommunications Association (NCTA) Cable Show as part of Cable Connection – Spring.

“We are extremely pleased to host Congressman Butterfield and Jorge Ramos as our guest speakers for this year’s NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast,” said Kathy Johnson, president, NAMIC. “At a time when the intersection of media and government is more profound than ever, it is an honor to have these exemplary leaders from each of these dynamic sectors share their perspectives and insights.”

Butterfield was elected to the U.S. House in 2004 after serving 15 years as a judge on North Carolina’s Superior and Supreme courts. Butterfield currently serves as a member of the House Ethics Committee and the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally, Butterfield serves as a chief deputy whip and as vice chairman of the Energy and Environmental Subcommittee.

Considered one of the most eloquent, credible and powerful voices of Hispanic America, Jorge Ramos has received many accolades throughout his career, including eight Emmy awards for excellence in journalism and the Maria Moors Cabot award from Columbia University. He’s been dubbed the “Star Newscaster of Hispanic TV” and “Hispanic TV’s #1 correspondent” by *The Wall Street Journal* and named one of “the 25 most influential Hispanics in the United States” by both *TIME* and *People* magazines. Ramos has served as co-anchor of “Noticiero Univision” (Univision Network News) with Maria Elena Salinas since 1986. Currently, Ramos hosts the network’s weekly Sunday public affairs show, “Al Punto”; airs three daily radio commentaries on the Univision Radio Network and writes a weekly syndicated column published in more than 40 newspapers in the United States and Latin America. Noticiero Univision airs on the Univision Network, the most-watched Spanish-language broadcast television network in the U.S. and is, many nights, one of the top five broadcast networks in America regardless of language.

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Presented in partnership with *Multichannel News*, the Next Generation Leaders Awards honor up-and-coming executives of color age 45 and under for demonstrating exceptional business practices within the scope of their managerial capacities while embracing NAMIC's mission to educate, advocate and empower for multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Awards are presented in three categories: Cable MSO, Cable Programmer and Technology Company or Discipline. Winners of the 2009 Next Generation Leaders Awards include **Cesar Conde**, chief strategy officer & EVP, Univision Communications, Inc., **Kashif Haq**, strategic execution officer, Bright House Networks and **Toni Stubbs**, vice president, Field Information Technology, Cox Communications. Conde (Programmer), Haq (MSO) and Stubbs (Technology) comprise the fourth consecutive group of business leaders selected to receive this honor. In addition to this year's winning trio, an auxiliary group of executives will be recognized as NAMIC Luminaries for their commitment to fostering multi-ethnic diversity within their companies and giving back to the communities in which they work and live.

T.J. Holmes, anchor of the weekend edition of *CNN Newsroom* will serve as host of the 2009 NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast. **Robert J. Miron**, chairman, Advance/Newhouse Communications, will serve as honorary chair. Event sponsors include NCTA; Bright House Networks; Mediacom; Suddenlink Communications; Williams & Jensen; The Sportsman Channel; A&E Television Networks; Ensequence; Food Network; Bloomberg Television; Retirement Living TV; Comcast; and Scripps Networks.

For more information on the 2009 NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast and Next Generation Leaders Awards or inquiries pertaining to sponsorship, table/ticket purchases contact Sandra Girado, manager of Meetings and Events at the NAMIC national headquarters, 212-594-5985. Online registration for the NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast can be accessed via www.namic.com.

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About NAMIC

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC is comprised of 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of 18 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve. For more information, please visit www.namic.com.

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