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TESOL to honor Congressman Timothy H. Bishop

Alexandria, VA (March 2008) – Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), announces it will be honoring Rep. Timothy H. Bishop (D-NY) at the opening plenary of its 42nd Annual Convention and Exhibit in New York City, New York, USA. The presentation will be held before an audience of 1,500 English language educators from around the world on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at 5:30 PM in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton New York. Rep. Bishop will be presented with the TESOL Advocacy Leadership Recognition for his leadership in education reform.

Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2002, Rep. Bishop had previously served as the Provost for Southampton College since 1986. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, he has advocated for increasing the affordability of education for all Americans. He has also focused on reforming No Child Left Behind (NCLB) by meeting with educators in his district and staying informed on special challenges faced by English language learners under the law. Rep. Bishop is also an advocate for immigration reform, and supports the H-2B visa program for guest workers and their families.

Under the banner "Worlds of TESOL: Building Communities of Practice, Inquiry, and Creativity," the 2008 TESOL convention will feature more than 1200 lecture/discussion sessions presented by 2000 speakers representing more than 25 countries. Among the

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variety of topics are language testing and assessment, technology in language learning, bilingual education, education standards, and refugee/immigration concerns. In addition, the convention features one of the largest exhibitions of its kind in the world, with over 150 exhibitors offering some of the finest products and services for English language educators and their classrooms.

Press can register for the convention either in advance or on site. To register in advance, visit the online press room at <http://www.tesol.org/2008convention>, where other press releases and more information about presenters and sessions are also available. To register on site, please go to the Lincoln Suite at the Hilton New York.

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Incorporated in 1966, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is a global association for English language teaching professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. TESOL encompasses a network of approximately 60,000 educators worldwide, consisting of more than 14,000 individual members and an additional 45,000 educators within the 100 plus TESOL affiliate associations. Representing a multifaceted academic discipline and profession, TESOL offers members serial publications, books, and electronic resources on current issues, ideas, and opportunities in the field of English language teaching. TESOL also conducts a variety of workshops and symposia, including an annual convention, regarded as the foremost professional development opportunity for English language educators worldwide. TESOL's mission is to ensure excellence in English language teaching to speakers of other languages.