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**THREE GLOBAL LEADERS NAMED AS JURORS FOR
SECOND ANNUAL JOHN P. McNULTY PRIZE**

Washington, DC, TK Date —The Aspen Institute is proud to announce that Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State; Bill Gates, Sr., co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; and Olara Otunnu, president of LBL Foundation for Children and former UN Under-Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, will be serving as jurors for the second annual John P. McNulty Prize. Meant to celebrate the spirit and memory of former Institute trustee John P. McNulty by supporting extraordinary young leaders making creative, effective, and lasting contributions to their communities, the \$100,000 prize will be awarded for the second time in November 2009 at the Aspen Institute’s annual awards dinner. The prize will be given to an Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN) Fellow to help further his or her outstanding initiative.

“These judges are an all-star team of courageous, compassionate, and savvy leaders who will bring their wisdom and experience to evaluate the best projects of these young social entrepreneurs. We are pleased and honored by their commitment to the McNulty Prize,” said Anne Welsh McNulty, co-founder and managing partner of JBK Partners and trustee of the Aspen Institute.

Madeleine Albright served as the first female US Secretary of State when she was appointed by President Clinton in 1997. Currently, Secretary Albright is chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, a global strategy firm, and chair and principal of Albright Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory firm focused on emerging markets.

Bill Gates Sr. is currently a co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He is a former partner in the law firm of Shidler McBroom Gates & Lucas, which eventually became Preston Gates & Ellis, one of Seattle’s leading law firms. He has served as president of both the Seattle/King County Bar Association and the Washington State Bar Association. Bill also held a past chairmanship of the Washington Courts 2000 Committee and the American Bar Association House of Delegates.

Olara Otunnu is president of the LBL Foundation for Children and the former UN Under-Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict. Otunnu has served as president of the International Peace Academy, Uganda's minister of foreign affairs, Uganda's permanent representative to the United Nations, president of the UN Security Council, chairman of the UN Commission on Human Rights, and vice president of the UN General Assembly.

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These three jurors will judge the following finalists:

- AGORA PARTNERSHIPS - Nicaragua
Ricardo Terán
Central America Leadership Initiative
- ASHESI UNIVERSITY - Ghana
Patrick Awuah
Africa Leadership Initiative
- HOPE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION - Mississippi
William Bynum
Henry Crown Fellowship
- LIBRAS DE AMOR - El Salvador
Alejandro Poma
Central America Leadership Initiative
- PROJECT REBIRTH - New York
James Whitaker
Henry Crown Fellowship

“In Secretary Albright, Bill Gates Sr., and Olara Otunnu, we could not ask for a more qualified, and experientially diverse group of people to serve as jurors for this year’s John P. McNulty Prize,” said Peter Reiling, executive vice president for Leadership and Seminar Programs at the Aspen Institute. “We thank them for lending their wisdom in selecting this year’s finalist. And we thank Anne McNulty for developing this prize to encourage the inspiring Fellows who make up the Aspen Global Leadership Network to be bold and strategic in their projects.”

For detailed information about the finalists’ projects, John McNulty’s legacy of leadership, and the latest news, please visit www.mcultyprize.org.

The Aspen Global Leadership Network The Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN) is a growing, worldwide community of entrepreneurial leaders from business, government and the nonprofit sector -- currently, 950 "Fellows" from 43 countries -- who share a commitment to effective, enlightened leadership and to using their extraordinary creativity, energy and resources to tackle the foremost societal challenges of our times. All share the common experience of participating in the Aspen Institute’s Henry Crown Fellowship or one of the dozen leadership initiatives it has inspired in the United States, Africa, Central America, India and the Middle East. For more information, visit www.aspeninstitute.org/leadership-programs.

The Aspen Institute mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues. The Aspen Institute does this primarily in four ways: seminars, young-leader fellowships around the globe, policy programs

and public conferences and events. The Institute is based in Washington, DC, Aspen, Colorado, and on the Wye River on Maryland's Eastern Shore and has an international network of partners. For more information, visit www.aspeninstitute.org.

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