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ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES 2010 HONOREES FOR 103rd ANNUAL GALA DINNER

Honorees include: Governor Patrick Quinn, Anne Pramaggiore (ComEd President & COO), Joseph Bisceglia (Jenner & Block LLP Partner), & Terry Hancock (Teamsters Local 731 President)

Chicago, IL –

On Saturday, September 18, 2010, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest (IACC) will present their coveted awards to local business leaders to honor their work and community achievements during the 103rd Annual Gala and Awards Dinner at the Palmer House Hilton Hotel in downtown Chicago.

The IACC is proud to announce that Illinois Governor **Patrick Quinn** will be in attendance to accept the *Excellence in Government Award*. In addition, **Anne Pramaggiore** (ComEd President & COO) will be awarded the *Business Excellence Award* for her dedication and impact made in her industry; **Joseph Bisceglia** (Jenner & Block LLP Partner) will receive the *Humanitarian Award* for his outstanding charitable work with St. Jude's and leadership in Jenner & Block's pro bono program; and **Terry Hancock** (Teamsters Local 731 President) will be awarded the *Labor Leader Excellence Award* for his vast contributions to the labor movement as well as to autism research. Previous award recipients have included CEO of Fiat/Chrysler Group, Sergio Marchionne ('08), and Oscar-winning actor, Ernest Borgnine ('09), with an award presentation given by Chicago-born actor, Dennis Farina ('09).

For the past century, the IACC has been recognizing the accomplishments of influential business men and women at this black-tie affair, which hosts over 450 business people and officials from the Midwest and Italy. The Gala Dinner marks an important event for the State since Italy is Illinois' fifth most important trading partner and there are approximately 800,000 Italian-Americans that reside in Illinois.

Additionally, the Gala Dinner features a Silent Auction to benefit the IACC Annual Scholarship Foundation, an entertaining fashion show of the finest Italian fashions and trends, and an exquisite menu that highlights Italy's world-renowned food and wine.

During this same weekend, the IACC will also be hosting its Fifth Annual Italian Expo at Navy Pier's Festival Hall A in which many of the Gala business professionals and VIP guests will be attending. Italian Expo showcases the best of Italy in the areas of food, wine, fashion, design, tourism, art and entertainment to an audience of over 30,000 people (www.italianexpo.us).

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To RSVP to the Gala Dinner or for more information, contact Melissa Passalacqua at (312) 553-9137 ext15 or mpass@italianchamber.us.

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