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THE PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR AND GOVERNOR RITTER TO MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 AND ADDRESS GLOBAL TERRORISM AT EVENT HOSTED BY THE CELL AND THE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

DENVER – Pakistan's Ambassador to United States, Husain Haqqani, will join Governor Bill Ritter to commemorate the anniversary of Sept. 11 in a discussion of global terrorism at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 10, 2009 at The Denver Art Museum.

Ambassador Haqqani, a renowned expert on Al Qaeda in Pakistan and, Afghanistan, will be the centerpiece of *Breaking the Chain of Global Terror*, a discussion moderated by Rand Corporation Senior Advisor on Terrorism and accomplished author Brian Jenkins. The event will open with remarks from co-host Governor Bill Ritter. Also hosting the event is The Center for Empowered Living and Learning - The CELL – Denver's state-of-the-art exhibit & institute dedicated to better understanding and responding to domestic and international terrorism, The University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, and The Denver Post.

Ambassador Haqqani will cover the central role Pakistan currently plays in the international fight against terrorism, and specifically how al-Qaeda and the Taliban have regrouped to present a continued threat to Americans fighting in Afghanistan, including U.S. military personnel based in Colorado.

"Eight years after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, it's important that all of us continue to reflect back on what happened and honor those we lost," Governor Ritter said. "And it's equally important that we look ahead at the ever-changing geo-political landscape in central Asia and America's role in trying to stabilize the region. I'm looking forward to hosting Pakistani Ambassador Haqqani here in Colorado and listening to his insights on these critical issues."

The event will be preceded by an exhibit tour of The CELL's *Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere: Understanding the Threat of Terrorism*.

Breaking the Chain of Global Terror is another example of the kind of thought-provoking programming delivered by The CELL. Past events have featured such high-profile speakers as Charles Stimson, Department of Defense Deputy Assistant Secretary for Detainee Affairs; U.S. Senators Chris Dodd (D-CT), Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO), Gary Hart (former D-CO), and Human Rights First International Director Gabor Rona.

About The Center for Empowered Living and Learning

The CELL's mission is to empower individuals and organizations with the tools to become more informed, prepared and involved within their own communities in order to help combat the threat of terrorism. In addition to its extensive educational programming, The CELL includes a state-of-the-art exhibit adjacent to the Denver Art Museum entitled *Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere: Understanding the Threat of Terrorism*. Produced by Academy Award-winning artists and world-renowned experts, the exhibit is an interactive experience designed to engage all the senses as it gets audiences thinking about the origins and future of terrorism.