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ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANFS FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD HONOREES FOR 2007

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New York (September 15, 2007). The America-Nepal Friendship Society (ANFS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 **ANFS Friendship and Community Leadership Awards**. These outstanding leaders have not only improved the lives of Nepali-American individuals in the United States and Nepal, but they have also immeasurably strengthened institutions within their communities. Their contributions have greatly benefited governments, and community development programs in the United States and in Nepal. They have time and again amply demonstrated their leadership qualities and passion and commitment for the work they do.

The ANFS is honored to present the following individuals with this year's ANFS Friendship and Community Leadership Awards for their outstanding service to the Nepali community in the United States and in Nepal.

ANFS FRIENDSHIP AWARD HONOREE

- **Honorable James T. Walsh**, member of the U. S. House of Representatives, for his outstanding contributions to defending the fundamental rights of the people of Nepal and his commitment to bringing the people of the United States and Nepal closer together.

ANFS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD HONOREES

- **Mr. Marvin A. Brustin**, Honorary Consul General of Nepal, for his outstanding leadership and service to the Nepali community in the United States and in Nepal, and his contributions to bringing the people of the United States and Nepal closer together.
- **Mr. Ashok K. Gurung**, Director of the India China Institute, the New School University— for his tireless efforts to provide leadership in educating local communities on current affairs of Nepal, and for his contributions to bringing the people of the United States and Nepal closer together.

The America-Nepal Friendship Society congratulates these distinguished individuals on their achievements in developing and strengthening United States-Nepal relations.

The awards, which are presented annually, will be presented this year at a special event on September 29, 2007, in New York.

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