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HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA TO GIVE “A TALK FOR WORLD PEACE” AT THE U.S. CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON, DC ON SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

HISTORIC EVENT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND

His Holiness the Dalai Lama will give **“A Talk for World Peace”** at the U.S. Capitol (West Lawn) in Washington, DC on Saturday, July 9th at 9:30 a.m. This historic event is free to the public and all faiths and background are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event is hosted by the Capital Area Tibetan Association (CATA).

Few lives in history have spoken as deeply to the goodness of the human spirit as the life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama. A bright light dispelling the darkness of our times, His Holiness has spread his message of peace, non-violence, tolerance, compassion and wisdom around the world in over 62 countries and across six continents. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989, His Holiness has received over 84 humanitarian commendations, including the Congressional Gold Medal in 2007, and has authored more than 72 books. He has overcome unimaginable hardships while protecting the people of Tibet after the brutal occupation of their homeland in the 1950s. His Holiness has also established a government in exile, promoting a democratic system of rule. His simple demeanor and joyful humor have endeared him to millions of people around the world.

Public Access to the West Lawn opens at 7 a.m. - lawn seating only. For additional information please visit www.kalachakra2011.com/july9peace

The Dalai Lama will also be in Washington D.C. to confer the Kalachakra for World Peace ritual from July 6- 16 at the Verizon Center. He has given the Kalachakra teachings to over 1.5 million people around the world. This will be the 31st time he has given the Kalachakra empowerments since initiating the Kalachakra gatherings in 1954. It is of particular significance that it is being held in the nation's capital, seen as the leading hub of the free world where local decisions deeply and globally affect an incalculable numbers of lives. The Kalachakra is a rare opportunity to promote the universal values of peace and tolerance, so urgently needed in today's world.

The 11-day event launches on July 6, the 76th Birthday of the Dalai Lama. The Dalai Lama, along with monks and senior lamas, will conduct rituals which prepare and consecrate the venue during the first seven days. These include the chanting of prayers and the creation of the sand mandala. The making of the exquisite, colorful Kalachakra sand mandala by the monks of Namgyal Monastery, the Dalai Lama's

personal monastery, is one of the most inspiring visual experiences of the Kalachakra. The detailed work of sacred art is executed with utmost precision, truly a sight to behold.

For additional information including tickets, please visit www.kalachakra2011.com. CATA is pleased to announce that a General Assistance Fund has been established for those interested in attending the Kalachakra, but are experiencing financial hardship. Please apply online at: <http://www.kalachakra2011.com/tickets.html>.

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