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USCM PRESIDENT DOUGLAS PALMER TO SERVE AS PANELIST AT CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS SESSION ON POVERTY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Conference of Mayors President Trenton (NJ) Mayor Douglas H. Palmer will participate in the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's 37th Annual Legislative Conference this Saturday, September 29, at the Washington Convention Center.

Mayor Palmer will be a panelist at a special session on poverty entitled, "Closing the Racial Wealth Divide: Creating a Poverty Reduction Strategy for Black America." Along with Oakland (CA) Mayor and USCM Poverty Task Force Co-Chair Ron Dellums, state legislators, county officials, and business and non-profit leaders, Palmer will strategize with CBC members about effective policy ideas that can be crafted in to federal legislation for sustainable poverty reduction.

In January of 2006, The Conference of Mayors formed a Poverty, Work and Opportunity Task Force to challenge leaders to think differently about poverty and examine factors that contribute to an America where, despite the hard work of many, more and more people are struggling to compete and succeed. The result was a mayors' action-oriented, problem-solving agenda aimed at significantly reducing the numbers of Americans living in poverty.

Ratified by the Conference's general body, the Task Force's anti-poverty recommendations look at workforce development, funding for The No Child Left Behind Act, children's health insurance, minimum wage, and an expansion of affordable housing as critical items. The USCM poverty policy is also a part of the *Mayors' 10-Point Plan* -- the organization's legislative agenda.

WHO: Trenton Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, USCM President
Oakland Mayor Ron V. Dellums, USCM Poverty Task Force Co-Chair

WHAT: Congressional Black Caucus Roundtable on Poverty

WHEN: Saturday, September 29, 2007
10:30 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE: Washington Convention Center – Room 143C

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are 1,139 such cities in the country today, each represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the Mayor

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