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Lindbergh Foundation to Honor Dr. Fay, Cernan and Susanka

MINNEAPOLIS (Feb. 13, 2007) — The Lindbergh Foundation is pleased to announce that three outstanding individuals, Dr. J. Michael Fay, Astronaut Eugene Cernan and Architect Sarah Susanka will be honored at the 2007 Lindbergh Award Ceremony on May 16 at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. The ceremony features a reception and silent auction with such exciting items as first-edition books, an autographed Neil Armstrong lithograph, and a variety of other unique and collectible items. Dinner and the program, including remarks from the award recipients, follow.

National Geographic Society Explorer in Residence and Wildlife Conservation Society Conservationist **Dr. J. Michael Fay**, will receive the honorary 2007 Lindbergh Award. **Astronaut Eugene Cernan**, most widely recognized as the last man on the moon, will receive the Foundation's Spirit Award. Acclaimed **Author and Architect Sarah Susanka** will receive the Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award.

The honorary Lindbergh Award is presented to individuals who have made significant contributions over many years toward improving our quality of life by balancing technological advancements and the preservation of our environment. "Dr. Fay has devoted his career to conservation. His use of technology to collect information about the environment so that people around the world can learn about the importance of sustainability and become inspired to take action is just the kind of life-long dedication the Foundation seeks to honor with our Lindbergh Award," said Foundation Chairman Erik Lindbergh, grandson of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

In 2004 **Dr. Fay** conducted a Megaflyover of Africa, during which he traveled more than 60,000 miles in a specially designed airplane and captured high-resolution aerial images of the continent in an effort to change the way Africa and the rest of the world perceive and use our natural resources. On a previous

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mission Fay walked 2,000 miles from the northeastern corner of the Republic of the Congo to the southwestern coast of Gabon. Using GPS recordings, video footage, still photography and numerical data, Dr. Fay documented every wildlife, plant, and human presence he encountered. He has spent two years compiling the information he collected into a database, which will be made available to conservationists, educators, students and the general public.

In honor of the 80th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's New York-to-Paris flight, the Foundation's Spirit Award will be presented to **Astronaut Eugene Cernan** for his pioneering achievements in an aviation career and a spirit and character that represent the best of this nation. Previous recipients of the Spirit Award are: Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., 1997, and Sen. John Glenn, 2002. "If anyone personifies the spirit and pioneering character of America's space program it is the last man to have set foot on the moon – Captain Gene Cernan," said Lindbergh Award Event Co-Chair Greg Herrick, Lindbergh Foundation board member and owner of *AircraftOwner* magazine. "Captain Cernan is not only an accomplished pilot and astronaut; he is a dedicated and active proponent of aviation and space travel. I cannot speak highly enough of Gene Cernan, he is a true gentleman and in every way most deserving of the Lindbergh Foundation's Spirit Award." Capt. Cernan has had a remarkable career in the United States space program. He flew on three separate space missions and was the second American to walk in space. He is one of only two men to have flown to the moon twice. He also has the distinction of being the last man on the moon.

Bestselling Author Sarah Susanka, will receive the Foundation's Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award for outstanding individual achievement, a spirit of initiative, and work that exemplifies great dedication toward making positive contributions to our world. Dr. Sally Ride was the first recipient of this award in 2003. Sarah Susanka is leading a movement to redefine the American home and lifestyle. Her "build better, not bigger" approach to residential architecture has been embraced across the country and her "Not So Big" philosophy is evolving beyond habitation and into how we inhabit our lives. She is widely recognized for her "Not So Big House" series of books in which she extols the sustainable ideology of building better, not necessarily bigger homes, leaving a smaller footprint on the planet. Her forthcoming book, "The Not So Big Life," due out in May, addresses the need to scale down our lives and the importance of a balanced life.

Lindbergh Award Event Held at Minnesota History Center

"The Lindbergh Foundation is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, and this event is going to be an outstanding way to honor 30 years of achieving balance around the world," said Lindbergh Foundation

Treasurer and Event Co-Chair Daniel Stoltz, CFO of Twin City Co-Ops Federal Credit Union. The Lindbergh Award Event is the Foundation's only public fundraising and outreach event of the year. Proceeds of the event will support the Foundation's mission of improving the quality of all life by balancing technological advancements with the care and protection of our environment. The event will begin with a reception and silent auction in the rotunda, followed by a lovely sit-down dinner and will conclude with the program. The dessert reception after the program will give guests an opportunity to visit with the Awardees, members of the Lindbergh family, and other special guests. Dr. Fay, Mr. Cernan, and Ms. Susanka are all dynamic speakers and each will give a presentation.

“On this 80th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's history-making transatlantic flight, the Minnesota Historical Society is especially honored to host the Lindbergh Foundation's 2007 awards dinner,” said Nina Archabal, Society director. “With the Curtiss JN-4 Jenny hanging above the History Center rotunda, guests will have an opportunity to see the type of aircraft that Lindbergh flew for his first adventures with flight. Like Lindbergh, this year's award winners have found excitement in adventures that have changed the way the world lives.”

For reservations and information about the May 16 event at the Minnesota History Center, please contact the Lindbergh Foundation office at 763/576-1596, or visit www.lindberghfoundation.org.

About The Lindbergh Foundation

The Lindbergh Foundation is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, based in Anoka, Minnesota, which strives to encourage and inspire present and future generations to work toward finding ways to improve the quality of all life through three major programs: Lindbergh research grants, the annual honorary Lindbergh Award, and a variety of educational programs, which are designed to bring life to, and engage others in, the Lindberghs' passion for a balance between technological advancements and environmental preservation.

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BIOGRAPHY

J. MICHAEL FAY

J. Michael Fay, 50, is an ecologist at the New York-based Wildlife Conservation Society of New York and an Explorer-in-Residence at the National Geographic Society. He has spent his life as a naturalist — he roamed the Sierra Nevada mountains and the Maine woods as a boy, traveled through wilderness in Alaska and Central America in college, and has spent the past 15 years in the central African forest.

Fay received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1978 from the University of Arizona. He then spent six years in the Peace Corps as a botanist in national parks in Tunisia, and then worked in the savannas of the Central African Republic. In 1984 he went to work at the Missouri Botanical Garden. A floristic study of a mountain range on Sudan's western border eventually led to a Ph.D. on the western lowland gorillas. It was at this time that he first entered the forests of central Africa.

Fay's doctoral work was curtailed several times while he surveyed large forest blocks and worked to create the Dzanga-Sangha and Nouabale-Ndoki parks in the Central African Republic and Congo--parks that he later managed. Fay's published works over the last 20 years have covered a wide range of field research subjects, from exotic orchids to lowland gorillas to forest elephants.

In 1996 Fay flew a small airplane low over the forests of Congo and Gabon and observed a vast, intact forest corridor that spanned the two countries, from the Oubangui River to the Atlantic Ocean. From October 1999 through December 2000 he walked the entire corridor — more than 2,000 miles — systematically surveying trees, wildlife and human impacts on uninhabited forest areas.

Photographer Nick Nichol's coverage of Fay's walk was published in National Geographic magazine, and soon inspired President Omar Bongo of Gabon to create 13 national parks in his country comprising some 11,000 square miles (26,000 square kilometers) of land.

Returning to Africa in 2004, Fay conducted his African MegaFlyover, assessing the impact of the human footprint on the continent through aerial surveys conducted from a Cessna Airplane.

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EUGENE A. CERNAN, CAPTAIN, USN (RET.)

Captain Eugene A. Cernan is President and Chief Executive Officer of The Cernan Corporation, a space-related technology and marketing consulting firm. He is the former Chairman of Johnson Engineering Corporation, a NASA contractor, prior to its acquisition by SPACEHAB, Inc.

Captain Cernan has acted as Special Consultant with television networks in on-camera support of covering space and related documentary programming – most notable among which are ABC Television’s News and Special Events and ESPN’s documentary coverage of “EARTHWINDS HILTON.” He has recently authored ***THE LAST MAN ON THE MOON***.

Captain Cernan joined Digital Equipment in 1986 and served as an Executive Consultant, Aerospace and Government for the Government Systems Group organization until 1992. From 1976 to 1981, Captain Cernan served as the Executive Vice President, International and Director of Coral Petroleum, Inc. He was charged with the corporate development of a world-wide supply and marketing strategy. During this period, Captain Cernan continued his education at the Wharton School of Finance and Northwestern University.

After serving twenty years as a Naval Aviator, Captain Cernan retired from the United States Navy in 1976. The last thirteen of those years were dedicated to direct involvement with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) United States Space Program as an Astronaut. During his years with NASA, Captain Cernan flew on three separate space missions. He was the second American to walk in space as the pilot on Gemini IX, one of a crew of three to venture to the moon on Apollo X, and as Commander of Apollo XVII, Captain Cernan holds the distinction of being the last man to leave his footprints on the surface of the moon. Captain Cernan also actively participated in the design, engineering, and development testing of spacecraft hardware and systems. He was a member of the NASA senior management team and reviewed decisions which directly affected operations and mission planning. From 1973 through 1975, Captain Cernan served as a Senior United States Negotiator during discussions with the USSR concerning the joint United States and Soviet Apollo/Soyuz project.

Captain Cernan received a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana, in 1956. He earned a Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1963 from the United States Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. Captain Cernan was also awarded Honorary Doctorates of Engineering from Purdue, Drexel and Gonzaga Universities, and an Honorary Doctorate degree from Western State College of Law and Comenius University of the Slovak Republic. His honors include the Navy Distinguished Flying Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal with Star, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal, the FAI International Gold Medal for Space, the VFW Gold Space Award, the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal for Space, the Sons of the American Revolution George Washington Award, induction into the U.S. Space Hall of Fame, the Challenger Center’s “Salute to the U.S. Space Program” Honor, Slovak American World Recognition Award, Czech Republic Presidential Medal of Honor and a Television Emmy. Captain Cernan was an Olympic Torch Bearer in May, 1996; was honored by the Illinois State Society as *Outstanding Illinoisian* during the 54th Presidential Inauguration in Washington, DC., was recipient of the national engineering award of the year, The Washington Award 2003; and in May, 2005, Captain Cernan was awarded NASA’s first Ambassador of Exploration Award. Captain Cernan was enshrined into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame, and most recently in May 2006 into Naval Aviation’s Hall of Honor.

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SARAH SUSANKA, FAIA

Bestselling author, architect and cultural visionary Sarah Susanka is leading a movement to redefine the American home and lifestyle. Her “build better, not bigger” approach to residential architecture has been embraced across the country and her “Not So Big” philosophy is evolving beyond our physical habitations and into how we inhabit our lives.

In May 2007, Random House will publish *The Not So Big Life: Making Room for What Really Matters* in which Susanka reveals that quality-over-quantity serves not only architectural aims, but life goals as well. She unveils a process for changing the way we live by fully inhabiting each moment of our lives and showing up completely in whatever it is we are doing. Through this process, readers will discover more meaningfulness, vitality and that sense of being “at home” in life that so many people are searching for today.

Thought Leader, Speaker and Expert Resource

Susanka has shared her insights with “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” “Charlie Rose” and HGTV. She is regularly profiled in leading shelter and lifestyle magazines and featured in newspapers including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*.

Fast Company named her to their debut list of “Fast 50” innovators whose achievements have helped to change society—an honor preceded by her selection as a “top newsmaker” for 2000 by *Newsweek* magazine and an “innovator in American culture” in 1998 by *U.S. News & World Report*. *Builder* magazine consistently ranks her as one of the “50 most influential people in the building industry.” Recently, *Midwest Living* magazine declared Susanka one of 20 style innovators, among such household names as Target and Crate & Barrel. In May 2007, she will be the honored recipient of the Anne Morrow Lindbergh Award for outstanding individual achievement, demonstrating a spirit of initiative and exemplifying great dedication toward making positive contributions to our world.

As a leading advocate for the re-popularization of residential architecture, Susanka has improved the quality of home design while countering the elitist image of architects so commonly held by the public. She is regularly tapped for her dynamic presentations by Fortune 500 companies, homebuilders, nonprofits and trade organizations.

Acclaimed Author, Six Best-Selling Books

In her groundbreaking book, *The Not So Big House* (Taunton, 1998), Susanka encourages homeowners and professionals to focus on quality over quantity—on what makes us feel comfortable rather than what impresses the neighbors. Her second book, *Creating the Not So Big House*, released in 2000, features 25 examples of “Not So Big” homes and remodels. This was followed by *Not So Big Solutions for Your Home* in 2002, a small but densely packed volume that’s full of fixes and ideas for common house problems. In 2004, Susanka launched *Home By Design*, a companion to her “Not So Big House” series. One year later, Susanka partnered with Marc Vassallo to write *Inside the Not So Big House*. In 2006, Susanka collaborated with acclaimed landscape designer Julie Moir Messervy, and released *Outside the Not So Big House*.

Susanka is a member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects and a Senior Fellow of the Design Futures Council. She was born in Kent, England, and lives in North Carolina. Join her online community at www.NotSoBig.com.

Lindbergh Foundation Backgrounder

The Lindbergh Foundation is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, based in Minnesota, which strives to encourage and inspire present and future generations to work toward improving the quality of all life by balancing our technological advancements with the preservation of our environment.

The Lindbergh Foundation pursues its mission through three major programs:

- **The Lindbergh Award** ~ Annually, the Foundation presents its honorary Lindbergh Award for individuals who have made significant contributions toward the balance between technology and nature in their work.
- **Lindbergh Grants** ~ in amounts up to \$10,580 (the cost of building the *Spirit of St. Louis* in 1927), are given to individuals whose proposed research or education projects will make important contributions to the technology/environment balance;
- **Educational Programs and Publications** ~ centered on the balance theme.

One of the Lindbergh Foundation's core values is to honor individual initiative and accomplishment in researchers, scientists, and explorers. In doing so, the Lindberghs, who were each outstanding individual contributors to society – through aviation, writing, and environmental conservation, are also honored. Unquestionably, Charles Lindbergh is best known for his historic New York-to-Paris flight in the *Spirit of St. Louis*. It is much less known that the Lindberghs held a unique perspective on the Earth stemming from Charles' boyhood growing up on the banks of the Mississippi River outside Little Falls, Minn., his barnstorming days in the early 1920s, and the survey flights around the world he and Anne pioneered in the 1930s. Over the years, the Lindberghs witnessed enormous changes in the land, sky and water in the name of progress. Their concern for the environment became the basis upon which the Foundation was established.

Friends of the Lindberghs at The Explorers Club in New York City established the organization in 1977 (the 50th anniversary year of Charles Lindbergh's historic New York-to-Paris flight). General James H. Doolittle and Astronaut Neil Armstrong led the national fundraising campaign for the fledgling organization.

For more information, visit www.lindberghfoundation.org.

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EDITORS NOTE: Photos of Fay, Cernan and Susanka are available electronically at <http://www.lindberghfoundation.org/events/thisyear.html>

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