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## **“Civility in Politics” topic of bipartisan forum between two former U.S. Congressmen at Palm Beach State College Feb. 7**

(Palm Beach Gardens – Jan. 19, 2011) Two former U.S. House of Representatives members, Kenneth Kramer and Dennis Hertel, will visit the Palm Beach State College Palm Beach Gardens campus and conduct a bipartisan presentation on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.

The forum, titled "Civility in Politics," is part of the "Congress to Campus" initiative. Palm Beach Gardens Mayor (and Palm Beach State adjunct professor) David Levy will moderate the forum. The event is co-sponsored by the Palm Beach County Democratic and Republican party co-chairs and the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce.

The "Congress to Campus" program is an initiative of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress that brings pairs of former members - one Democrat and one Republican - to college campuses. The goal is to inspire students to consider careers in public service and deepen their understanding of the important role that Congress plays in our democracy.

Chief Judge Kenneth Kramer serves on the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims in Washington, D.C. and represented Colorado's 5th Congressional District from 1978-1986. Between his congressional and judicial service he was Assistant Secretary of the Army. Congressman Dennis Hertel is the president of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress and represented Michigan from 1981-1993. During his service in Congress he authored several pieces of landmark environmental legislation and is currently a partner in the Livingston Group, a Washington D.C. lobbying firm.

The evening forum will be held in Room SC127 in the bioscience technology complex. This is a free event and is open to the public. For more information call 561-207-5416.

*Serving more than 52,000 students annually, Palm Beach State College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Established in 1933 as Florida's first public community college, it offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.*

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