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“UKRAINIAN DAYS” IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Washington, DC (UNIS) – Following previous successful *“Ukrainian Days”* advocacy programs in our nation’s capital, the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) is once again organizing *“Ukrainian Days”* in Washington, DC on Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-7, 2011. The intent of *“Ukrainian Days”* is to promote the concerns of the Ukrainian American community, in particular as it regards the current backsliding of democratic principles in Ukraine. *“Ukrainian Days”* is also used as vehicle to establish better relations with our representatives in Congress, especially the large number of new Members of Congress that were elected in the November 2010 elections. Briefing papers on various topics will be supplied to all the participants of *“Ukrainian Days”* by the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS).

The *“Ukrainian Days”* agenda will consist of several aspects. A morning briefing session will be held on the first day with American government officials and representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGO’s). Of particular interest will be a discussion about the topics of concern to the community, including: increased U.S. foreign assistance to Ukraine; NATO enlargement; democratic freedoms in Ukraine; continued advocacy of the Ukrainian Genocide of 1932-1933; as well as, the overall context of the U.S.-Ukrainian strategic partnership. A question-and-answer session will follow.

Throughout the two day event, participants of *“Ukrainian Days”* will meet with their respective members of the House of Representatives and Senate in order to communicate to them the issues that concern the Ukrainian American community and establish closer communications with their offices. Such relations and contact with the Members of Congress will allow the Ukrainian community to advocate issues of concern and work more effectively in the future.

Participants of *“Ukrainian Days”* will also be afforded an opportunity to interact with members of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus (CUC) in a breakfast meeting. The CUC is an officially registered group within the U.S. House of Representatives that is interested in enhancing relations between Ukraine and the United States. Evening receptions are also being planned for the *“Ukrainian Days”* participants to have a chance to acquaint themselves with each other and with personnel in Washington who follow U.S.-Ukraine relations.

Further detailed information will be forthcoming. Please contact the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS) at (202) 547-0018, or via e-mail at unis@ucca.org should you have any questions or comments.