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**HONORING DR. WILLIAM FELICE, FLORIDA PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR --  
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SPEECH OF  
**HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG**  
OF FLORIDA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006

- Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. William F. Felice, a professor of Political Science at Eckerd College, who has been named the 2006 Florida Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Felice was honored here in Washington on November 16th along with professors of the year from 43 states,
- It is my privilege to represent Eckerd College, a St. Petersburg, Florida college led by its President Donald R. Eastman III, which emphasizes quality undergraduate education. Dr. Felice is one of many outstanding members of the Eckerd faculty.
- Motivating students in his international relations classes is Dr. Felice's principal goal as a professor. He is highly successful as since 1995 when he joined the Eckerd faculty, he has been awarded some of the college's highest honors by his students and his peers. He received the John M. Bevan Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award in 2005. The students voted him the Professor of the Year in 2003 and the faculty voted him the Robert A. Staub Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 1999.
- This latest honor though is not his first national recognition, as he earned the 1999 American Political Science Association (APSA) Outstanding Teacher in Political Science Award from APSA and Phi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.
- Mr. Speaker, following my remarks I would like to include for the benefit of my colleagues a profile of Dr. Felice published by Eckerd College. Clearly he has found a way to inspire his students to study more about the world around them and I commend him for this great honor and for the personal energy and enthusiasm he brings to the classroom.

``My primary pedagogical method is to teach international relations in a Socratic style, constantly questioning and interacting with the students in the class. I strive to motivate students to understand the importance of international relations by my example. With

conviction and passion, I try to show students how central these issues are, both to my own personal intellectual journey and to world affairs."--William F. Felice

William F. Felice, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science at Eckerd College, has been named the 2006 Florida Professor of the Year by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The U.S. Professors of the Year Program, administered by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), is the only national initiative specifically designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Professor Felice was recognized on November 16, 2006 in a Washington, D.C. awards ceremony along with professors from 43 states, the District of Columbia, and Guam. The following day, also in Washington, Florida Congressman C.W. Bill Young extended personal congratulations to Professor Felice.

“It is a fitting tribute to Professor Felice to be recognized as the 2006 Florida Professor of the Year,” said Eckerd College President Donald R. Eastman III. “Professor Felice epitomizes what is one of Eckerd College's greatest strengths in the academic program: the mentoring relationship between the professor and student. Professor Felice, who exudes passion in his teaching about human rights and social justice, motivates students to find the courage to address issues of poverty and despair with a sense of hope that their efforts will make a difference in this world.”

“Not only has Prof. Felice distinguished himself as a truly outstanding teacher whose impact on students is profound,” said Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Lloyd W. Chapin, “he has contributed substantially to building an extraordinary undergraduate International Relation and Global Affair Program that offers students unique opportunities to study both here and abroad. They study at the United Nations in New York City and in Geneva, Switzerland, and complete domestic and international service learning projects. Highly respected also for his curricular leadership, he coordinated our capstone senior course, Quest for Meaning, from 2004-2006 earning rave reviews from the interdisciplinary team of twenty faculty who participate in the course.

“Repeatedly, students tell me stories of the transformative effect that Professor Felice has had on their intellectual and ethical lives.”

#### HOW TWO FORMER STUDENTS REMEMBER PROFESSOR FELICE

Professor Felice's courses have included Ethics and International Relations, Introduction to International Relations, Quest for Meaning, International Political Economy, Geneva and International Cooperation, Human Rights and International Law.

“Dr. Felice inspires and motivates his students in many ways, but one of his greatest gifts as a teacher is his ability to teach about empathy toward the poverty-stricken and oppressed in our local community and on a global scale.”

--Kathleen Deegan, B.A., Eckerd College, 2003

``One professor in particular sticks out in my mind as a humble hero whose passion and enthusiasm for life and education infuse his teaching with boundless energy, encourage his colleagues to aspire to higher levels of learning and teaching and inspire his students in ways admired by many and replicated by few. Though I honestly believe that Professor Felice could easily have led a life of fame, world travel and excitement as a politician or an international affairs consultant, I am selfishly grateful that he chose to dedicate so much of his time to teaching and I hope that he realizes just how great an impact he has made in that role."

--Taryn Fielder, B.A., summa cum laude, Eckerd College, 1999; J.D., Harvard Law School, 2002

### TEACHING AWARDS

Professor Felice joined the Eckerd College faculty in 1995. Since then Professor Felice has received Eckerd College's John M. Bevan

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Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award (2005), and he has been recognized by the students as Professor of the Year (2003) and by the faculty as the Robert A. Staub Distinguished Teacher of the Year (1999). In 1999, Professor Felice received the APSA Outstanding Teaching in Political Science Award, presented by the American Political Science Association (APSA) and Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

Professor Felice earned his B.A. in History from the University of Washington; his M.S. in Political Economy from Goddard College; and his Ph.D. in Political Science/International Relations from New York University. Prior to joining Eckerd College, he taught at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND PUBLICATIONS

Professor Felice has published two books that are highly regarded by scholars in the field, *Taking Suffering Seriously* (1996) and *The Global New Deal* (2003). In *The Global New Deal*, Professor Felice wrote, ``There is nothing preordained by either the structure of the international system of states or the economic system of the market that makes economic and social human rights a dream. They are not a utopian fantasy. They can be achieved. The question is: Do we have the courage to walk the path?"

He has also published numerous articles and academic papers which address international issues and human rights, including, ``Human Rights Disparities between Europe and the United States: Conflicting Approaches to Poverty Prevention and the Alleviation of Suffering," (*Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, Vol. 19, No. 1, March 2006) and

``The UN Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination," (Human Rights Quarterly, Vol. 24, No. 1, February 2002). Professor Felice serves on the editorial board of the journal Human Rights and Human Welfare.

#### CARNEGIE COUNCIL ON ETHICS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

During the 2004-05 academic year, in collaboration with the Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs (CCEIA), Professor Felice led a four-part lecture series, ``America and the World: Ethical Dimensions to Power." The series inspired a booklet distributed nationally, Ethical Dimensions to American Foreign Policy: A Study Guide to the Four Freedoms. From 1999-2005, he served as a CCEIA Trustee.

#### ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY IN CONVERSATION

In the 2006-07 Col. Christian L. and Edna M. March International Relations Lecture Series, which is also part of the Presidential Events Series, Professor Felice coordinates the program on ``The Ethics of Economic Globalization." Invited speakers this year include Peter Singer, Jagdish Bhagwati, Micheline Ishay and Gita Sen. At The Studio@620 in downtown St. Petersburg, Professor Felice serves as co-facilitator of the 620 Round Tables on Social Justice, co-sponsored by Eckerd College.

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