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**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS MEMBERS
SWORN IN AT WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Appointees to the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports were sworn in May 24 (2006), at a ceremony held in the library of the White House, Old Executive Office Building. After the appointees met with President George W. Bush in the Oval Office and the Rose Garden, Health and Human Services Secretary Michael O. Leavitt performed the swearing in ceremony in the presence of members' families and invited guests. President Bush announced the appointments April 27.

"I am very excited and honored to have this prestigious group of individuals join the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports during our 50th Anniversary year," said Melissa Johnson, executive director of the President's Council. "These are the leaders who will help to shape the direction of the President's Council as we begin the journey into our next 50 years of promoting physical activity, fitness and sports for all Americans."

Members of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

John P. Burke of Wisconsin – Chair. Mr. Burke is president of Trek Bicycles and served on the Council during President George W. Bush's first term.

Dorothy G. "Dot" Richardson, M.D., of Florida - Vice Chair. Dr. Richardson is an Olympic gold medalist (softball-1996/2000), an orthopedic surgeon, and Medical Director of the National Training Center in Clermont, Florida. She served as Vice Chair of the Council during President Bush's first term.

Denise Austin of Virginia. Ms. Austin, a well known television fitness celebrity and author, served on the Council during President Bush's first term.

Catherine M. Baase of Michigan. Dr. Baase is Global Director of Health Services for The Dow Chemical Company.

James N. Baird, Jr., M.D. of Ohio. Dr. Baird is Director of the Ohio Department of Health and Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Ohio State University College of Medicine. He served on the Council during President Bush's first term.

Kirk M. Bauer of Maryland. Mr. Bauer is Executive Director of Disabled Sports USA (DS/USA). He was twice awarded the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, and a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat during the Vietnam War.

Steven Bornstein of California. Mr. Bornstein is the Executive Vice President (Media) of the National Football League and is president and CEO of the NFL Network.

Paul R. Carrozza of Texas. Mr. Carrozza is founder of RunTex stores, RunTex University, and RunTex Events, which raises over \$5 million annually for charities in the vicinity of Austin, Texas. He served on the Council during President Bush's first term.

Susan Lieberman Dell of Texas. Ms. Dell is co-founder and Chairman of the Board of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, which works to improve outcomes for underserved children. She is Chairman of the Board of Phi, a New York City-based women's designer collection clothing company.

Lillian R. Greene-Chamberlain of Maryland. Ms. Greene-Chamberlain has been a leader in developing health education, physical fitness, recreation and sports programs nationally and internationally for more than 30 years.

Bill Greer of Michigan. Mr. Greer is Vice President (Benefits), for the Kellogg Company.

Donna Richardson Joyner of Texas. Ms. Richardson Joyner is a well known fitness and aerobics celebrity, author and television sports commentator.

Edward R. Laskowski, M.D., of Minnesota. Dr. Laskowski is co-director of the Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine Center and a professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, specializing in sports medicine, fitness, and strength and stability training.

Elisha N. ("Eli") Manning of Louisiana. The number one pick of the 2004 NFL draft, Mr. Manning, quarterback for the New York Giants, helped his team secure the 2005 NFC Eastern Division Title by throwing 38,000 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Teddy L. (“Tedd”) Mitchell, M.D., of Texas. Dr. Mitchell is President and Medical Director of the Cooper Clinic in Dallas. He served on the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports during President Bush’s first term.

Charles M. Moore of New York, New York. Mr. Moore is Executive Director of the Committee to Encourage Corporate Philanthropy. He was an Olympic gold medalist (400m hurdles) in the 1952 Summer Olympics and served on the Council during President Bush’s first term.

Jerry V. Noyce of Minnesota. Mr. Noyce is CEO and president of Health Fitness Corporation.

Mary Lou Retton of Texas. Ms. Retton won gold, silver (two), and bronze medals in gymnastics at the 1984 summer Olympics.

Andrew Roddick of Texas. Mr. Roddick is the 4th ranked player on the ATP tour. In 2003, he was the youngest American to end a season atop the ATP rankings following his win at the U.S. Open.

W. Edgar Welden, Sr. of Alabama. A retired businessman, Mr. Welden is president of the Birmingham Athletic Partnership to enhance the athletic and other extra curricular program offerings of Birmingham’s inner city public high schools.

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