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**J. THOMAS SCHIEFFER JOINS BOARD OF MAUREEN AND MIKE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, a non-profit organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations, today announced that J. Thomas Schieffer, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, has joined the Foundation's board of directors.

“Ambassador Schieffer’s recent tenure as U.S. Ambassador to Japan gives him a unique perspective on the ongoing importance of the U.S.-Japan alliance,” said Mansfield Foundation Executive Director L. Gordon Flake. “As former U.S. Ambassador to Japan and to Australia, Ambassador Schieffer brings to the board valuable insights into the United States’ political, economic, and security relationships in the Asia-Pacific region. Ambassador Schieffer has been involved in some of the most challenging issues facing the U.S. and its allies in the Asia-Pacific, including the Six-Party Talks, the reorganization of the U.S.-Japan alliance, and the global war on terrorism. We look forward to benefiting from his diplomatic experience and to his participation on the board.”

J. Thomas Schieffer served as U.S. Ambassador to Japan from 2005-2009. During his tenure in Tokyo, he was involved in negotiating the most far-reaching reorganization of the U.S.-Japan alliance since the signing of the Security Agreement in 1960. He also was involved in the Six-Party Talks and in strengthening U.S.-Japan intelligence ties. Ambassador Schieffer’s diplomatic career began in 2001, when he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Australia. During his tenure in Canberra, he coordinated closely with the Government of Australia on measures to fight global terrorism and to deepen cooperation on rebuilding efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq. He also was involved in the conclusion of a free trade agreement between the U.S. and Australia in 2004. Prior to his diplomatic service, Ambassador Schieffer was an investor in the partnership that

bought the Texas Rangers Baseball Club and served as team President for eight years. Ambassador Schieffer's long involvement in Texas politics included serving three terms in the Texas House of Representatives.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization that promotes understanding and cooperation in U.S.-Asia relations. Maureen and Mike Mansfield's values, ideals and vision for U.S.-Asia relations continue through the Foundation's exchanges, dialogues, research and educational programs, which create networks among U.S. and Asian leaders, explore the underlying issues influencing public policies, and increase awareness about the nations and peoples of Asia. The Foundation also supports the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana.

The Foundation was established in 1983 to honor Mike Mansfield (1903-2001), a revered public servant, statesman and diplomat who played a pivotal role in many of the key domestic and international issues of the 20th century as U.S. congressman from Montana, Senate Majority Leader and finally as U.S. Ambassador to Japan. The Foundation has offices in Washington, D.C.; Tokyo, Japan; and Missoula, Montana.

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