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**Not-for-Profit Organization – Croatian Scholarship Fund –
Receives Official Letter of Recognition from Croatian National Government**

San Ramon, CA – March 9, 2010 – The Croatian Scholarship Fund (CSF) has received a letter of recognition from Radovan Fuchs, PhD Minister of Science, Education and Sports for the Republic of



Croatia. The Ministry of Education that Minister Fuchs leads is the department of the government that guides the education system of Croatia. The following except from Minister Fuchs' recognition letter speaks to the mission and the dedication of CSF towards the students of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina:

"On behalf of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, I would like to congratulate you on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Croatian Scholarship Fund. Through its dedicated work and selfless endeavors..., CSF has shown an incontestable vision of progress, sincere responsibility for its homeland, true love for its people as well as a community spirit and social maturity by becoming the biggest Croatian-American organization for supporting gifted students in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina,..."

CSF President Marijana Pavic was quite appreciative and moved by the letter of recognition from the Croatian Government. President Pavic was quoted as saying, *"I am very pleased to forward this recognition letter from the Croatian Minister of Education, Mr. Radovan Fuchs to all members of the CSF. This is a wonderful letter that honors every officer, director, benefactor, contributor and friend of CSF from its beginning. The true legacies of CSF are the wonderful young men and women we support and will continue to support. We are so pleased to see the alumni of CSF entering Croatian society and making a difference in the future of our beloved homeland."*

The Croatian Scholarship Fund is holding its 20th anniversary celebration on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at the Croatian American Cultural Center (CACC) in Sacramento, California. More than 250 dignitaries, members of CSF and guests are expected to attend the celebration. Among those confirmed to attend:

- The Honorable Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović Croatian Ambassador to the United States
- The Honorable Ilija Želalić Croatian Consul General Los Angeles
- Mr. Tony Butala the founder of the Lettermen singing group
- Mr. Krist Novocelic the co-founder and bassist of the rock group Nirvana
- Ms. Sandra Loncar current CSF student – studying to be an architect

The event is expected to sell out, but a limited number of tickets are still available for purchase. Tickets are priced at \$75 per person and include an evening of entertainment, an open bar, fine wine, appetizers, gourmet dinner and dessert. To RSVP for this event, please contact – Mr. Mike Zupan at 916-489-0339 or Ms. Vesna Brekalo at 925-556-6263.

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About CSF

The Croatian Scholarship Fund was established in late 1989 in the San Francisco Bay Area by a group of Croatian Americans for the purpose of providing university scholarships for Croatian students who could not otherwise afford a higher education. In 1991, as a direct result of the war and devastation in Croatia, CSF and its Board of Directors became deeply concerned about the severe impact this war would have on future generations as the country began to rebuild.

The sole purpose of CSF is to provide financial scholarship aid for Croatian students from Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina to attend universities in Croatia. CSF's mission is to raise funds in order to provide scholarships to help educate young, bright and needy Croatian men and women who will someday become future leaders in medicine, agriculture, transportation, technology, economics, law, engineering, political science, education, and other academic fields.

With this goal in mind, CSF's Executive Board established rigid academic standards for admission into the program in an effort to select the most promising students who would someday become qualified leaders to help Croatia establish and maintain a free democracy and a sound enterprise system. This would enable Croatia to become more competitive in the global world economy as we enter the 21st century.

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About Croatian American Cultural Center

The Croatian American Cultural Center in Sacramento, California is a non-profit organization. Its main purpose is to promote the Croatian name to the local and surrounding communities as well as to preserve and endear the Croatian culture for future generations.

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