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NATIONAL RETIREMENT PLANNING WEEK KICKS-OFF ON NOV. 7th

Fourth Annual Campaign Helps Americans Achieve a Secure Retirement

Washington, D.C., Sept. 7, 2005 — Building on its three-year program to help all Americans save and plan for retirement, the National Retirement Planning Coalition (NRPC) today announced that National Retirement Planning Week 2005 is set for Nov. 7-11, 2005.

Now in its fourth year, National Retirement Planning Week is an annual campaign to help Americans focus on the steps they need to take to achieve a secure retirement. The NRPC's honorary chairperson, author, economist and actor/comedian Ben Stein, is encouraging Americans to begin this critical planning process by taking the necessary steps today to live their envisioned retirement lifestyles tomorrow.

“Retirement planning isn’t painful, it doesn’t need to be difficult, and I’m positive that no one has ever been hurt by writing down their retirement income objectives,” said Stein. “The underlying message of National Retirement Planning Week is simple: he or she who procrastinates when it comes to retirement planning will not live as comfortably as those who have planned. And believe me, retiring without a plan is no joke.”

During the week of Nov. 7, the NRPC and its member organizations will host a number of educational initiatives to help Americans achieve retirement readiness, including a national television, radio and print media campaign, and new retirement planning information and resources.

More information about National Retirement Planning Week 2005 activities will be available in the coming months at: www.RetireOnYourTerms.org.

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About The NRPC

The National Retirement Planning Coalition brings together thirteen leading financial industry and advocacy organizations for the purpose of educating consumers and financial industry professionals on the issues surrounding retirement planning. NRPC members include the Actuarial Foundation, the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI), the American Savings Education Council (ASEC), the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, the Financial Planning Association (FPA), For Our Grandchildren – A Social Security Education Project, the International Foundation for Retirement Education (InFRE), LIMRA International, the National Alliance for Caregiving (NAC), the National Association for Variable Annuities (NAVA), the National Preretirement Education Association (NPEA), the Retirement Solutions Foundation, and the Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement (WISER).

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