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Group Pushes Extinction of “School-by-Government” SepCon2004—“World’s Boldest Education Conference” November 20-22 in Washington, D.C.

November 9, 2004, Fresno, Calif. — Celebrating the 10-year growth of a controversial movement to end state, federal, and local government involvement in K-12 schooling, SepCon2004 will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, November 20-22, in Washington, D.C.

The program includes 45 presenters, including

- ♦ **Michael Farris**, Home School Legal Defense Association: the Tocqueville Address, *Judging the Fruits of Secular Statist Education*
- ♦ **Joseph Farah**, WorldNetDaily.com, the Keynote Address: *The Homeschool Revolution: Prelude to Taking America Back*
- ♦ **John Taylor Gatto**, New York State Teacher of the Year: *The Paradox of Extended Childhood*
- ♦ **Joseph Sobran**, America’s “Deep Thinker” syndicated columnist: *Danger! You are Being Protected!*

Marshall Fritz, president of the Fresno-based Alliance for the Separation of School & State and HonestEdu.org, the sponsoring organizations, announced the theme of SepCon2004 is *Get The Children Out of Harmful Schools and into Honest Education*.

Fritz claims, “When textbook and teacher contradict what mom and dad are teaching at home about human origins, purpose, and destiny, it gives children the *anti-education* of today’s typical ‘public school.’ Confusion stops children from even *wanting* to understand reality. Most fall into the postmodernist trap of believing there are no moral absolutes and that decisions should be governed by feelings rather than moral principles.”

Dr. Tim and Mrs. Beverly LaHaye will present to Mr. Farris the Alliance’s “Alexis de Tocqueville Award for Advancing Educational Freedom.”

Also at the Sunday gala Tenth Anniversary Banquet, Fritz will announce a new affiliate organization, GetTheKidsOut.org, and introduce its Executive Director, **Rev. Grady Arnold**, a Southern Baptist minister. The mission of “GTKO” is to help evangelical Christian pastors and parents see why they should rescue their children from “officially Godless public schools.”

Underlying the goal of the Alliance to help rebuild solid families, Fritz revealed on www.SepCon.org why he chose the Omni Shoreham: “It’s the only convention hotel around Washington that doesn’t rent adult movies. We’re taking a stand against hotels that are just porn shops built to look like a hotel.”

SepCon is open to all who can imagine that Socialism works no better for schooling children in America than it did for raising wheat in the Soviet Union.

Further information at www.SepCon.org or call toll-free 1-888-325-1776.

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