



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 1, 2009

Contact: Amy Lin, 213.625.1991
amylin@formosafoundation.org

REP. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN JOINS FORMOSA FOUNDATION FOR ROUNDTABLE FOCUSED ON US-TAIWAN RELATIONS

LOS ANGELES —The Formosa Foundation announced today that Florida Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen will be the featured speaker at a roundtable discussion to be held on April 7, 2009. The event will be held at the Taiwan Center in Rosemead from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

“Congresswoman Ros-Lehtinen is a champion for human rights and democracy,” said Terri Giles, Executive Director of the Formosa Foundation. “Ros-Lehtinen is one of Taiwan’s strongest supporters and we are honored that she will be joining us to discuss the importance of that relationship.”

Ros-Lehtinen is the Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Committee last week passed a House Concurrent Resolution commemorating the 30th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. “This resolution recognizes the TRA as the cornerstone of the unbreakable relations that exist today between the US and Taiwan,” Ros-Lehtinen stated. “Living under the shadow of Chinese military threats and intimidation, Taipei continues to stand proudly for freedom and human rights.”

As a leading voice on issues important to Taiwan, Ros-Lehtinen co-authored two resolutions in the previous Congress, concerning the Taiwan Relations Act and providing Taiwan with defensive articles and services to help ensure Taiwan maintains a sufficient self-defense capability. “Taiwan is a strong and valued ally of the United States,” said Ros-Lehtinen. “Let us send a strong, unequivocal message to Beijing that we are unwavering in our commitment to democracy, to free markets and to the people of Taiwan.”

In May of 2008, Ros-Lehtinen received the Order of the Brilliant Star with Grand Cordon, one of the highest civilian honors given by Taiwan, for her efforts to improve ties between the United States and the island nation.

The April 7 event is free of charge and open to the public. Members of the press are welcome. The Taiwan Center is located at 3001 Walnut Grove, Rosemead, CA, 91770.

Based in Los Angeles, the Formosa Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting greater understanding of the relationship between Taiwan and the United States, and preserving and enhancing democracy, human rights and freedom for the people of Taiwan.

###