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FORMER VICE PRESIDENT DAN QUAYLE NAMED HONORARY THUNDERBIRD

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Former U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative and 44th Vice President of the United States, Dan Quayle, was made an Honorary Thunderbird at a special induction ceremony held today at the Thunderbird Family Pavilion at TPC Scottsdale after the first round of the 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community.

Quayle joins a select group of 35 other individuals who have been named Honorary Thunderbirds in the organization's history, including Jim Nantz, who was inducted last year, as well as legends such as Sandra Day O'Connor, Bing Crosby, Ben Hogan, Bob Hope, Phil Mickelson, Johnny Miller, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer.

"Vice President Quayle has represented our great nation in a tremendous way and we thank him for his service," said Thunderbirds Big Chief Dan Mahoney. "His father was a Thunderbird as is his son Ben, and we are honored to have him become a part of our organization and excited to include him with a great group of Honorary Thunderbirds."

Quayle graduated from Indiana School of Law in 1974 and practiced in Huntington, Indiana before his election to the United States House of Representatives in 1976 representing the state of Indiana. In 1980, Quayle won election to the United States Senate again representing the state of Indiana. Quayle was named as George H.W. Bush's running mate in the 1988 U.S. Presidential election winning the election over Democrats Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen. He served as Vice President of the United States from 1989-1993.

The 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by the Ak-Chin Indian Community, also known as “The Greatest Show on Grass,” and “The People’s Open”, will be held Jan. 30 – Feb 5, 2017, at TPC Scottsdale. The Waste Management Phoenix Open is the best-attended golf tournament in the world and has gained legendary status for being the most unique stop on the PGA TOUR. Last year’s tournament broke three attendance records, including a PGA TOUR record 618,365 fans for the week. The 2017 edition will mark the 82nd playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the eighth as the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. The Thunderbirds consist of 55 “active” members and more than 250 “life” members. Last year The Thunderbirds raised a record \$9.3 million for charity and have eclipsed \$111 million in charitable giving since its inception. For more information on the Thunderbirds or the 2017 Waste Management Phoenix Open visit www.wmphenixopen.com.

