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CAFTA VOTE BUILDS INVESTOR CONFIDENCE IN THE MIAMI STOCK EXCHANGE MARKETPLACE

Miami, Florida - August 15, 2005 - After an all-day, full-court press by the White House, along with strenuous arm-twisting from Republican leaders, the House approved the Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) by a two-vote margin (217-215). United States President George W. Bush stated, "The CAFTA trade agreement with six Latin American nations will pay big dividends for security, stability and freedom in the Western Hemisphere." Bush administration officials were dispatched to sell the idea to lawmakers. The stakes went beyond a newly opened market in a region that bought about \$15 billion worth of U.S. goods in 2004. Those who backed the agreement said goods like the apples, pears and cherries grown in Washington State and the corn, soybeans and tractors produced in Illinois will be sold free of duties in a market of 44 million people. Bush continued, "CAFTA is more than a trade bill; it is a commitment among freedom-loving nations to advance peace and prosperity throughout the region. As the oldest democracy in the Western Hemisphere, the United States has a moral obligation and a vital national security interest in helping democracies in our neighborhood succeed, and CAFTA advances this goal."

MS4X President Robert Dobiecki, commented, "I strongly believe that the CAFTA agreement will serve as the bedrock for driving trade policy and creating the standards for moving forward with the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA). This historic agreement will help to guide the continuing development of the FTAA accord by increasing our understanding of the origin of fair trade, its cultural structure and financial evolution. Taken collectively, CAFTA provides us with an incredible opportunity to enrich the quality of life and the economic future for all of Central America. The ratification of CAFTA will serve as the catalyst to further accelerate the geographic location for the Secretariat of the FTAA. With the City of Miami being the gateway to Central and Latin America, Miami remains the location and resounding choice to promote the FTAA objectives in the areas of trade and commerce in the Western Hemisphere."

About the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA)

CAFTA is a state-of-the-art free trade agreement. It not only will reduce barriers to U.S. trade, but also require important reforms of the domestic legal and business environment that are key to encouraging business development and investment. It will promote economic growth in the Central American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, as well as in the Dominican Republic, and thereby will expand U.S. opportunities in important regional markets. For more information please visit www.ita.doc.gov/cafta

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