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POET ANNOUNCES RUN FOR CONGRESS BY CALLING FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF GEORGE W. BUSH

San Francisco, March 2, 2006—Feeling himself called to action by the constant threat to The U.S. Constitution posed by the Bush Administration, renowned California poet and internationally known scholar of the works of John Steinbeck, Dr. Kevin Hearle announces today his candidacy in this June's Democratic primary election for the 12th California District congressional seat currently held by Tom Lantos. Speaking from the Goodlett Steps (Civic Center side) of San Francisco City Hall at 12:45 p.m., Hearle will denounce the attempts of the Bush administration to label its critics as weak on terrorism or as un-American and he will call for patriotic citizens everywhere to rise to the defense of the Constitution and of the democratic principles it embodies.

"I tried to get Congressman Lantos to address the constitutional issues raised by the Bush Administration's condoning of torture, it's repeated lies to Congress and the American public in order to obtain permission for an unnecessary war, and its illegal subverting of the authority of both the Congress and the courts in its domestic wiretapping program," says Hearle, "but the only response I got in six weeks of waiting was a computer generated we're-out-of-the-office,-but-we'll-get-back-to-you email. That sort of response isn't going to save our democratic institutions, so I'm running."

Hearle will note that in order to maintain democracy and safeguard the rights of the people, the framers of The Constitution built respect for dissent and checks against the unprincipled use of governmental power into our form of government. To function properly that government requires honest and full debate of the issues, and a mutual respect for the authority of each of its branches. Hearle will accuse the Bush Administration, through its repeated use of false intelligence which they knew to be questionable at best, of compounding the high crime of lying to Congress with subverting Congress' sole power to declare war. Hearle will call for the impeachment of George W. Bush, but declare that this Congress won't do it unless they're pressured. He will call for voters everywhere to press their representatives in Congress to sponsor bills of impeachment, and, if their representatives balk at that (as his has done), Hearle will call on voters to join him in running for Congress.

Hearle's speech is available for free download on his campaign website at: <http://www.HearleforCongress.org>.

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