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Washington All Atwitter As 40th Capital Challenge Slated for May 12

A large assemblage of Washington VIPs will help celebrate the 40th ACLI Capital Challenge on Thursday, May 12. The 3-mile annual road race, a Washington political tradition, will again be on the Anacostia Park course.

The race pits teams comprised of Members of Congress, Biden Administration Appointees, Federal Judges and the Media against each other.

Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) will be back to try and retain his title as the fastest Member of Congress. Among other Congressional entrants are Senator Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), who broke the ACLI Capital Challenge record for female Senators in 2019. Representative Jared Golden (D-ME), who led his team to the team title (Richard G. Lugar Award) in 2021, will also return.

All entry fees and an additional donation from the race sponsors will be given to Junior Achievement USA, which gives young people the knowledge and skills they need to make positive choices, plan for their future, and achieve economic success. Junior Achievement programs

serve more than 2.5 million students in all 50 states, providing relevant hands-on experiences that provide vital information related to financial education, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

“Thanks to the support from the Capital Challenge participants, ACLI is able to help Junior Achievement provide students across the country with essential financial education,” said American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI) President and CEO Susan Neely. “We’re looking forward to seeing many of the nation’s leaders on race day as we celebrate the 40th running of this Washington D.C. tradition.”

Keira D’Amato, who in January broke the American marathon record with a time of 2:19:12, will be the celebrity runner. The former American University All-American is also the American 10-mile record holder. She will be the official whistle blower to start the race, and then will jump in at the back and run with the pack.

The American Council of Life Insurers, the race title sponsor, is the leading trade association driving public policy and advocacy on behalf of the life insurance industry. Ninety million American families rely on the life insurance industry for financial protection and retirement security. ACLI’s member companies are dedicated to protecting consumers’ financial wellbeing through life insurance, annuities, retirement plans, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, reinsurance, and dental, vision and other supplemental benefits. ACLI’s 280 member companies represent 94 percent of industry assets in the United States.

The event is designed to highlight the fitness of many of the Capital’s busiest leaders and tries to answer the question: which branch of the government is the fittest? Supporting sponsors are in addition to ACLI: Akin Gump, Allianz, Athene, Boston Mutual, Brighthouse Financial, Canada Life Reinsurance, CQ/Roll Call, Equitable, Guardian Life Insurance, Hannover Life Reassurance Co of America, Invariant, Jackson National, John Hancock, MassMutual, MetLife, New York Life, Northwestern Mutual, Ohio National, OneAmerica, Pacific Life, Primerica, Principal Financial Group, Protective Life, Prudential Insurance, Resolution Life, RGA, Sammons Financial, TIAA, Transamerica, and USAA.

The ACLI Capital Challenge not only recognizes the swiftest participants with awards for the Fastest Senator, Representative (Mike Synar Award), Independent Agency Head, Sub-Cabinet Appointee, Federal Judge and Journalist in male and female categories, but there are also team awards for the Senate, House, Executive Branch, Judicial and Media (both

electronic and print/web categories). Additionally, there is the annual hotly contested Best and Worst team name award (James B. Kenin Award). Some top competitors are:

- **The Miner League - Senator Shelley Capito** (R-WV)
- **Not Running for Re-election - Representative Jim Cooper** (D-TN)
- **Le(a)vin the Competition Behind - Representative Mike Levin** (D-CA)
- **May It Please the Course - Elizabeth Prelogar**, Solicitor General, DOJ
- **Fossil Fuels - Bill Horne**, AARP Magazine
- **Runners Athwart History - Jack Butler**, National Review
- **Out of Chronotext - Ron Coddington**, The Chronicle of Higher Education
- **Worst Race Scenario - Carolyn Presutti**, Voice of America
- **Standby for Some Breaking Shoes - Adam Longo**, WUSA9-TV
- **Stick a Mic In It - Laurel Wamsley**, NPR
- **Running is Taxing - Judge Patrick Urda**, US Tax Court
- **Right to a Speedy Mile - Judge Randolph Moss**, US District Court for DC

[Click Here for the VIP's and Captains' List](#)

Editor's Note: For media information, call Jeff Darman at 610.925.1976 until May 7. May 7 – 12, call: 703.879.0140 or 610.299.4436 (cell). The ACLI Capital Challenge starts at 8:00 AM in Anacostia Park near the skating rink. Directions to the site may be downloaded from: www.capitalchallenge.com. Social media info available via hashtag #CapChallenge.

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