Mr. D. Keith Campbell, Maryland Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year

The Association of Fundraising Professionals Maryland Chapter recognized Mr. Keith Campbell as its Outstanding Philanthropist of the Year at their annual luncheon on November 3, 2008. This prestigious award was given in recognition of Mr. Campbell's dedication to preserving the Chesapeake Bay and in finding meaningful solutions to environmental problems facing the Bay and its watershed. MPT also recognized Mr. Campbell earlier in the year, at its Vision Honors Banquet, as the first recipient of the Outdoors Maryland Award for Stewardship of the Environment.

Mr. Campbell founded Towson-based Campbell & Company, one of the most successful investment firms in the country. While still serving as Chair of the Board of Directors, Mr. Campbell stepped down from the day to day operations of Campbell & Company to dedicate himself full-time to philanthropy. In 1998, Mr. Campbell founded and self-funded the Keith Campbell Foundation for the Environment. Now in its 10th year, the Campbell Foundation is one of the most influential foundations in the state. Last year alone, The Campbell Foundation awarded 64 organizations a total of $3.6 million in grant funding. Through Mr. Campbell's determined and visionary leadership, the Campbell Foundation has become one of the most significant architects and supporters of thoughtful, meaningful solutions to problems plaguing the Chesapeake Bay.

Mr. Campbell also offers his substantial understanding of environmental issues to address the growing problems of water and air pollution that affect the entire region. He serves as Chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and sits on the boards of the Coastal Conservation Association, the Oyster Recovery Partnership, the Assateague Coastal Trust and on the Maryland DNR Secretary's Outdoor Caucus.

All of us are better off because of his commitment to make Maryland a better place to live and work, and particularly because of his dedication to preserving our great natural treasure, the Chesapeake Bay. MPT joins the Association of Fundraising Professionals Maryland Chapter in saluting Mr. Keith Campbell.

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