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Prem Rawat Welcomed at Queensland's Parliament House

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Brisbane, Australia (PRWeb) November 1, 2007 -- Prem Rawat delivered a warmly received address at Queensland's Parliament House on the occasion of the United Nations International Day of Peace on September 20.

Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce AC, Governor of Queensland, welcomed an audience of government, business and community leaders assembled to commemorate the occasion.

Speakers included the Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Paul Pisasale; Dr. Michael Cuthill, Director of the University of Queensland's Community Engagement Centre; and Prem Rawat.

"In my role as Governor, I am privileged always to observe and reflect on the dedicated workings of individuals across diverse groups in our society towards friendship, understanding, mutual support and co-operation," said the Governor, Ms. Bryce.

She used examples from around the world to remind the audience of "the potential in each of us to find our voice, to articulate the issues that are important to us and then to organise ourselves, test our ideas and bring them to fruition within our circles of influence, no matter how small."

Ms. Bryce said, "The United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, has told us peace is one of humanity's most precious needs and is the United Nation's highest calling."

Dr. Michael Cuthill, Director of the University of Queensland's Community Engagement Centre, spoke about the need for genuine collaboration. "It has been argued that no single entity, be it public, private or non-government, can effectively deal with the complex interweaving of issues confronting our modern society," he said.

The Mayor of Ipswich, Councillor Paul Pisasale, spoke about the challenges facing his city and encouraged the audience to reflect, suggesting, "Today is a day where we stop, look back and reflect on the mountains we have to climb to achieve our goal but, at the same time as achieving that, I don't think we should be forgetting the seven mountains that we have climbed as a nation.

"It's just great to be able to come here today and support the cause, but the cause is us; it is what we can do," said Councillor Pisasale.

Prem Rawat, who is known also as Maharaji, then delivered his address asking, "What is peace?" He said, "The desire for peace has resided within human beings since time immemorial, and there is that voice that surfaces again and again despite how many times that voice has been ignored. There is a want for peace in every single human being and that is good news. As long as people will be on the face of this earth, peace and the need for peace shall exist."

Prem Rawat later delivered several addresses to an audience of more than 3,000 from 59 countries at an event held at Ivory's Rock Conference Centre, near Ipswich, Queensland, in September. The convention addressed the

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subject of personal peace.

Prem Rawat founded The Prem Rawat Foundation, which heads significant initiatives all around the world, helping people most in need get basic necessities such as nutritious food and clean water. The Foundation is currently funding a three-year grant to Oxfam to support a healthy school breakfast programme for Indigenous children on Mornington Island in north Queensland.

To learn more about Prem Rawat, his message of peace and humanitarian initiatives: The Prem Rawat Foundation

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