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Drug Free America Foundation Presents Ambassador Mel and Mrs. Betty Sembler with its Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award for their Dedication to Protecting Children and Families from Drugs

Immediate Release

St. Petersburg, FL (08/28/12) – On Tuesday, August 28th 2012, at the Renaissance Vinoy in St. Petersburg, Florida, former Governor Jeb Bush presented Ambassador Mel and Mrs. Betty Sembler with the *Drug Free America Foundation Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award* in recognition of their dedication and leadership in the anti-drug movement over the past four decades.

Ambassador and Mrs. Sembler founded Drug Free America Foundation in 1996 and personally invested their time and effort to reduce drug use and protect societies from the scourge of addiction.

"Mel and Betty are the epitome of giving it all. Devoted to a drug free society, they have worked tirelessly around the world to preserve traditional values through their support of various philanthropic endeavors. Their goodwill is an inspiration to us all and I am honored to be a part of this day with them," said former Governor Jeb Bush and the Honorary Chair of this event.

"The Semblers' passion for research-driven drug policies and evidence-based drug prevention has saved lives. It has been an honor for me to serve as executive director of Drug Free America Foundation and to lead the charge in carrying out their most valued ideal, a drug-free America. I thank them for all they do, all they are and all they will continue to do," said Calvin Fay, Executive Director of Drug Free America Foundation.

"It has been a life-long pleasure investing in communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free. By enabling organizations like Drug Free America Foundation to undertake projects that address unmet needs around the world, Mel and I know that we are helping to create a better tomorrow for our children, our grandchildren and so many others worldwide. We will truly cherish this award always," said Betty Sembler.

Drug Free America Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting drug use, drug addiction and drug trafficking and to promoting effective sound drug policies, education and prevention.

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