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Speak the Truth! Human Rights Campaign Columbus Gala Dinner Announces Program

Columbus, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland, HRC Chief Diversity Officer Cuc Vu, Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy, Equality Ohio Executive Director Lynne Bowman to headline 26th Annual HRC Columbus Gala Dinner

Governor Ted Strickland, who won broad support from the LGBT community in the 2006 election, is scheduled to attend and speak at the June 13 event that will celebrate and honor the achievements and continued struggle towards equality for LGBT citizens across the country.

The evening will also include the presentation of the Equality Award to honor activist Lynne Bowman. Bowman is one of the many founders of Equality Ohio and currently serves as the Board Chair of the Equality Federation, a national organization dedicated to strengthening statewide LGBT organizing. The Equality Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have provided outstanding leadership and service to the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Comedian Carol Leifer will be the featured guest speaker at this year's Dinner. Hailed by The Washington Post as "refreshing" and "one of the best comedic minds of our time," Carol Leifer is an acclaimed stand-up comedian and Emmy-nominated writer.

The 26th Annual Columbus Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency ballroom, 350 N. High Street. The theme for this year's dinner is "Speak the Truth" The event—a cocktail hour and silent auction followed by dinner—will begin at 6 p.m. Semi-formal attire is encouraged; black tie is optional. Tickets are available for \$175 plus a Box Office ticket service fee and can be purchased through Box Office Tickets at (800) 494-8497 or www.hrccolumbusdinner.com.

About:

HRC is the largest national gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender political organization with members throughout the country. HRC effectively lobbies Congress, provides campaign support, and educates the public to ensure that LGBT Americans can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community. For more information, visit www.hrc.org.

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