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### **CAROLINA BEACH MAYOR DENNIS BARBOUR TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL FORUM ON U.S. CRISIS RELIEF EFFORTS**

CAROLINA BEACH, NC---In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the nation's most costly natural disaster, Mayor Dennis Barbour will join former FEMA director James Lee Witt and others to discuss the nation's preparedness and response capabilities in crisis situations. This critical roundtable discussion – entitled **A Conversation with James Lee Witt: After the Storms, Repairing the Damage** – will take place on Tuesday, November 29, 2005, from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Ballroom of **The National Press Club**. This event will be covered live on C-SPAN and portions will be aired on CNN.

Others on the panel include the moderator, George Mason University professor and veteran CNN journalist Frank Sesno, J. Michael Hickey, vice president, Government Affairs for National Security Policy, Verizon; and Catherine A. Allen, CEO BITS/Financial Services. Following the discussion, the panelists will take questions from the press and audience in attendance.

As the U.S. government continues to fend off criticism for what many believe to be a failed relief effort on local, state and national levels, the group of leaders from across the nation will discuss lessons learned in the aftermath of the hurricanes and whether the government and private sectors are now better prepared.

The newsmaker event is the sixth in a series of critical conversations on the nation's post-9/11 preparedness and how to better protect America's critical infrastructures. This program is sponsored by George Mason University School of Law's Critical Infrastructure Protection Program.

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