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"Croatia's President Ivo Josipovic at UN, NFCA Leaders Meet with President"

Washington, DC: President Ivo Josipovic, who was elected President of Croatia in early 2010, traveled to New York City during late September to attend the annual meeting of the United Nations' General Assembly. National Federation of Croatian Americans (NFCA) President John Kraljic noted: "President Josipovic's visit to the UN General Assembly presents a platform for Croatian leaders to meet with other heads of state and government leaders. We understand that he was well received, and several members of the NFCA were pleased to meet with him during an issues roundtable at the Croatian Mission to the UN on September 24th, which was also attended by Croatia's UN Ambassador Ranko Vilovic, US Ambassador Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic, and New York Counsel General Marion Gubic."

Additional NFCA members in attendance included Vice President Zvonko Labas, Michael Young, Paul Kunder, Matthew Kraljic, and Public Affairs Director Joe Foley. They, along with Mr. Kraljic, discussed with President Josipovic and other Croatian government officials the work that the NFCA has undertaken with respect to issues of importance to Croatia and Croatian Americans during the past few years.

Prior to the issues roundtable at the Croatian UN Mission, several NFCA members were pleased to attend a concert by Mannes College piano scholar Mr. Javor Bracic at New York's Ana Tzarev Gallery - which opened in 2008 and is located at 24 West 57th Street. Croatian-born Ms. Tzarev is a prolific painter and sculptor. Her vibrant 'impasto' paintings and impressively large Gallery was a grand showcase for Mr. Bracic's special recital of President Josipovic's own composition, "Studio di Rondo," as well as works by Joseph Haydn and Frederic Chopin. The Ana Tzarev Gallery staff were very attentive and helpful to the many Croatian American attendees who were able to fully appreciate the beautiful art work displayed at the Gallery with the President and Croatian diplomats after the concert.

The NFCA is the national umbrella organization of Croatian American groups that collectively represents approximately 130,000 members. For additional public affairs information, please contact Mr. Joe Foley, NFCA Public Affairs Director, at (301) 294-0937