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### **Calvey details evidence of CAIR's ties to terrorist groups**

Oklahoma City (January 15, 2010) - In advance of a scheduled protest of tonight's meeting of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), Fifth Congressional District candidate Kevin Calvey released more details of the group's ties to terrorist organizations.

"It is not merely my opinion that CAIR is a terrorist front," said Calvey. "Government court cases and other objective documents prove that the Council on American Islamic Relations is a hate group tied to terrorist organizations like Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood. The founder of CAIR's Dallas chapter, in fact, was convicted of terrorist-related activity and sentenced to 65 years in prison. They are far from the innocuous 'civil rights' group they claim to be. This is not about one's faith or one's political persuasion. All Oklahomans should unite in denouncing any terrorist-supporting group that exists in our community."

Among the sources of CAIR's links to terrorism are government documents from the US v. Holy Land Foundation court case; Politico.com; FoxNews.com; and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), a group established in 1913 to combat anti-Semitism by hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis. The ADL classifies CAIR as a hate group.

Highlights among the additional information on CAIR:

1. The founder of CAIR's Dallas chapter, Ghassan Elashi, was convicted of terrorist-related activity and sentenced to 65 years in prison in a US Justice Department case against the Holy Land Foundation, a terrorist fundraising group, in May 2009. CAIR provided legal defense and public relations for Elashi and his fellow defendants. Source: ADL, May 8, 2009
2. According to quotes from documents presented by the US Justice Department, "CAIR actively raised money for [Holy Land Foundation] HLF via their mailing list. In 2001, HLF's assets were frozen by the Treasury Department, which found the organization to be a Hamas conduit. The Texas chapter of CAIR and HLF share a common founder in Ghassan Elashi. As stated above, Elashi himself was present at the 1993 Philadelphia meeting that planned Hamas fundraising in the United States. This meeting shows that future leadership of CAIR participated in meetings with senior Hamas leaders and discussed Hamas fundraising in the United States. The FBI learned of the Philadelphia meeting through the Ashqar investigation and, as a result, the FBI obtained a warrant from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court to monitor the meeting." Source: Government Trial Brief 5.27.07, U.S. v Holy Land Foundation, et al, pg 13

3. The FBI, which formerly treated CAIR as a legitimate civil rights group, broke off formal relations with CAIR, and as of November 2009 continues to shun cooperation with CAIR. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/11/11/fbi-ties-cair-remain-strained-obama-administration/>

4. CAIR Executive Director Nihad Awad gave a speech in 2002 next to the flag of Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Lebanese terrorist group. Source: ADL, August 30, 2007 [http://www.adl.org/PresRele/Terror\\_92/5122\\_92.htm](http://www.adl.org/PresRele/Terror_92/5122_92.htm)

5. Additional and even more damaging information about CAIR was recently published after an undercover investigation of CAIR by retired US Air Force Office of Special Investigations agent, P. David Gaubatz in his 2009 book, Muslim Mafia: Inside the Secret Underworld That's Conspiring to Islamize America. CAIR has sued Gaubatz in an attempt to prevent dissemination of his book. Source: Politico.com, November 2, 2009.

Kevin Calvey is a small businessman and a conservative former State Representative from Del City. Kevin volunteered to deploy to Iraq as a Captain in the Army National Guard in 2007, and his mission in Iraq was to prosecute al Qaeda leaders and other terrorists in the Iraqi court system. Kevin was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service. Kevin and his wife, Toni, live in Oklahoma City with their baby, Anastasia.