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**Legendary Journalist Marvin Kalb to Lead Top Political Commentators
for One of KC's Most Anticipated Events of the Year**

INDEPENDENCE, MO—On Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, *TheHoward & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency* returns to explore the 2012 theme, **Divided We Stand: American Presidents, Congress and the Conflict of Power**.

A signature event of the Harry S. Truman Library Institute, the sixth annual *Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency* will be moderated by **Marvin Kalb** and feature panelists **Bob Kerrey**, **Timothy Naftali** and **Margaret Hoover**. The evening will be hosted by **Clifton Truman Daniel**, eldest grandson of President Harry Truman.

America's greatest rivalry isn't played out on the field but inside the Beltway, where the President and Congress gear up every season for clashes over power, policies and politics. The media may exaggerate presidential disputes with Congress, but the conflict comes right out of our Founding Fathers' playbook – they wanted a presidency that must win cooperation from lawmakers. The panel and KC audience will explore this rivalry, replay some of the hottest conflicts, and make some predictions about "next season's" wins and losses.

The Forum will take place at 6 p.m. at Unity Temple on the Plaza, 707 W. 47th St., Kansas City, Mo.

General admission tickets for *TheHoward & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency* are available for \$10 through Central Ticket Office at (816) 235-6222 or www.TrumanLibrary.org.

Admission is free for members of the Truman Library Institute. Members of the media will be admitted free of charge with proper identification.

PANELIST PROFILES

Marvin Kalb | Moderator

Marvin Kalb is the Edward R. Murrow Professor of Practice (Emeritus) at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and founding director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy. His journalism career covers thirty years of award-winning reporting and commentary for CBS and NBC News, including stints as bureau chief in Moscow and host of *Meet the Press*. His eleven previous books include *The Nixon Memo* and *Kissinger*. He hosts the *Kalb Report* at the National Press Club.

Margaret Hoover | Panelist

Margaret Hoover is a CNN Political Contributor and the author of the book *American Individualism: How A New Generation of Conservatives Can Save the Republican Party*. A veteran of the Bush Administration White House and a former staffer on Capitol Hill, she serves on the advisory council of the American Foundation for Equal Rights and GOProud, as well as on the boards of the Hoover Institution, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association, and the Belgian American Educational Foundation. She is a great-granddaughter of President Herbert Hoover.

Bob Kerrey | Panelist

Hot off the Senate campaign trail, Bob Kerrey brings both executive and legislative perspectives to the conversation. Governor of Nebraska from 1983-1987 and a U.S. Senator from Nebraska (1989-2001), Kerrey ran for the Democratic Nomination for President in 1992 but lost to then-Governor Bill Clinton. Following his tenure in the U.S. Senate, he became President of The New School, a progressive university in New York. Currently, Kerrey is running for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Timothy Naftali | Panelist

A Bennett Forum favorite, Timothy Naftali is a Senior Research Fellow with the New America Foundation. A historian

who studies leaders, power and international affairs, Naftali has an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Harvard University and an M.A. in International Studies from Johns Hopkins. After teaching at the University of Hawaii, Yale and the University of Virginia, he joined the National Archives in 2006 to become the first director of the federal Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum. The Nixon Library's Watergate exhibit, for which Naftali was historian and curator, opened in March 2011. In November 2011, Naftali left the library to write a study of the Kennedy presidency for publication in 2013. He is also currently working on a multi-national study on why and how terrorist groups stop using terror as a tactic. Naftali served as a consultant to the 9/11 Commission and as an historical consultant to the Nazi War Crimes and Imperial Japanese Government Records Interagency Working Group. Naftali, who has appeared on NPR, MSNBC, FOX News, CNN, the History Channel and C-SPAN, has written for *The New York Times*, *Slate*, *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Wall Street Journal* and blogged for the Huffington Post.

ABOUT THE EVENT

The Howard & Virginia Bennett Forum on the Presidency was created in 2006 by Michael and Mary Johnston to commemorate Howard Bennett's role in the founding of the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum and to further the public's understanding of the history and role of the American Presidency, a unique office in world history.

ABOUT THE TRUMAN LIBRARY INSTITUTE

The Harry S. Truman Library Institute is the nonprofit partner of the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, one of 13 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. Together with its public partner, the Truman Library Institute is dedicated to preserving and sharing the legacy of America's 33rd president through nationally acclaimed educational programs, world-class museum exhibitions, and timely public forums. Together we can contribute to a better tomorrow by helping adults and students alike better understand our democracy, the American presidency, and each person's power to make a difference.

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