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**Harry K. Wong presented the Horace Mann League
of the USA “Outstanding Public Educator” award**

San Francisco. (February 21, 2009) – At its annual meeting in San Francisco, the Horace Mann League of the USA presented Dr. Harry K. Wong, a new teacher advocate and nationally recognized expert on teacher effectiveness, the “Outstanding Public Educator” award.

“The Horace Mann League’s “Outstanding Public Educator” award, Executive Director Jack McKay explains, “is presented to an individual who exemplifies the necessary leadership and long-term commitment to making our nation’s public schools the best and most effective in teaching and learning.” Dr. Wong is the most sought after speaker world-wide on creating effective teachers. He has turned schools completely around and has saved the lives of countless teachers who would have forsaken the profession. His book, *The First Days of School*, is the best-selling book ever in education, with 3.3 million copies sold.

A San Francisco native, Wong is unwavering in his belief that the effective teacher has the greatest impact on student achievement and devotes his career to helping teachers thrive in the classroom.

“The Horace Mann League was established in 1922 to perpetuate the ideals of the father of public education Horace Mann. It is made up of 1,000 school leaders in the United States who are deeply committed to the belief that public schools are the cornerstone of democracy,” says Dr. Jack McKay, League executive director. “We are an organization dedicated to strengthening public education through legal action and to recognizing individuals who promote public education through their leadership and service.”

(More information about the Horace Mann League is located at: www.hmleague.org.
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