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Dr. James L. Doti and Dr. Esmael Adibi Will Offer Year-Ahead Forecasts for Orange County, California and the Nation

ORANGE, Calif., Nov. 10, 2006 –The 29th annual Chapman University Economic Forecast Conference will be held Thursday, December 7 at the Hyatt Regency Irvine (17900 Jamboree Rd.). Registration begins at 1:15 p.m., with the Forecast beginning at 2 p.m.. The event is open to the public; tickets are on sale now at \$150 per person (\$75 for Chapman alumni). Call (714) 744-7958 to reserve tickets or for more information.

Year-ahead economic forecasts for Orange County, the state of California and the nation will be presented by Chapman President James L. Doti, Ph.D., who holds the university's Donald Bren Distinguished Chair in Business and Economics, and Esmael Adibi, Ph.D., director of Chapman's nationally renowned A. Gary Anderson Center for Economic Research (ACER), who holds Chapman's Anderson Chair in Economic Analysis.

Comerica Bank is the event's title sponsor. Event co-sponsors are Rutan & Tucker, the Orange County Business Journal, Churm Publishing and the Daily Pilot. The Forecast is hosted by Chapman's George L. Argyros School of Business and Economics.

As Orange County's most respected outlook conference, Chapman University's forecast guides the business community in strategic planning and is also valuable for personal financial planning. The forecast, which will include the latest trends in employment, housing, building permits, taxable sales and personal income, is used by numerous local companies and agencies to create their own business plans and annual projections.

Using the latest findings of the Chapman Econometric Model, developed by Chapman faculty and students, Doti and Adibi forecast the direction of the key economic variables for the county, the state and the U.S. They will also review the accuracy of their forecast for this past year.

Anderson Center staff and Chapman students will analyze trends and figures right up to the week of the conference. A question-and-answer session will wrap up the event.

Proceeds from this event benefit Chapman student scholarships and the ongoing research of the Anderson Center.