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Japanese American Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley Ten Year Anniversary Celebration

San Jose, CA ~ The Japanese American Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley (JACCSV) celebrated its Ten Year Anniversary on Saturday, April 15, 2006 with a dinner gala at Spiedo Ristorante in downtown San Jose. Along with acknowledging the organization's growth and accomplishments, Mr. Yosh Uchida and the late Mr. Ted "Bo" Kimura were honored for their vision and leadership. The concept of a chamber focusing on supporting and empowering Japanese American businesses in Silicon Valley as well as developing strong business relationships locally as well as globally was driven by Yosh Uchida. With the leadership of "Bo" Kimura, both leaders were instrumental for the organization's early success.

Current and Past Board of Directors, Chamber Members, friends and family were joined with a distinguished list of guests including: San Jose City Council Members Linda LeZotte (District 1), Forrest Williams (District 2), Cindy Chavez (District 3 and Mayoral Candidate), Chuck Reed (District 4 and Mayoral Candidate), Ken Yeager (District 6 and County Supervisor Candidate), David Cortese (District 8 and Mayoral Candidate), Judy Chirco (District 9), Nancy Pyle (District 10), Rosemary Kamei (Santa Clara Valley Water District Trustee) and Randy Okamura (San Jose Evergreen Community College District Trustee). Joyce Iwasaki presented certificates to JACCSV, Mr. Uchida and Mr. Kimura posthumously from California State Assemblywoman Sally Lieber (District 22). Elizabeth Cuesta presented a proclamation to JACCSV and certificates to Mr. Uchida and Mr. Kimura posthumously from Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss (District 5). Mari Felton-Beal from the US Department of Commerce presented an award to JACCSV acknowledging its impact on the growth of businesses in Silicon Valley.

Paul Kimura, Immediate JACCSV Past President, served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies. Wayne Doiguchi, JACCSV Chairman, spoke about the Chamber's history and accomplishments as well as about the vision and leadership of both Yosh Uchida and Bo Kimura.

Other distinguished guests included Karyn Sinunu (Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney and DA Candidate), Sam Liccardo (City of San Jose District 3 Candidate), Richard Konda (Asian Law Alliance Executive Director), Wes Mukoyama (Yu Ai Kai Executive Director), Tom Oshidari (San Jose JAACL President), Teresa De La Vega (Filipino Chamber of Commerce Executive Director), and Joel Wyrick Black Chamber of Commerce President and San Jose District 3 Candidate).

Sponsors of the celebration were Avery Associates (Bill Avery), Petrinovich, Pugh & Company LLP (John Kawamoto), Minami Lew Tamaki, LLC (Roy Ikeda and Brad

Yamauchi), San Jose JACL, Strata Ventures (Wayne Doiguchi), Yoshihara Financial Group (Michael Yoshihara), Uchida Enterprises (Yosh Uchida), Carl Hirano, Maureen Mukai, and the Kimura Family.

Music for the gala was provided by Michael Yoshihara and Kathy Tibbets. John Kimura was the official photographer capturing the evening's special moments. Onishi Florists secured the centerpiece items with the dinner committee members completing the beautiful creations.

Dinner committee co-chairs were Judy Kotsubo, Vi Onishi and Kimiko Kikuchi. Committee members were Susan Fukuba (JACCSV Executive Director), Denise Johnston, Sheree Kimura, Marci Nishijima, Steffi Ragland, Traci Shiro and Kerrie Utsumi.

For more information about the Japanese American Chamber of Commerce of Silicon Valley, please visit www.jaccsv.org or call 408 288 5222.