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## **ELIZABETH F. STRIBLING APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



New York, NY (May 9, 2007) – French Heritage Society President Princess Marie-Sol de La Tour d’Auvergne today announced the appointment of Elizabeth Stribling as Chairman of the organization. “We are grateful for the strong leadership and association of friends which Elizabeth brings to French Heritage Society, in both the United States and in France. Elizabeth has been a vital member of our Board and an active participant in our many programs over the years. She is a wonderful ‘Ambassador’ for our organization; and, indeed, for both our countries.”

Elizabeth Stribling is President of Stribling & Associates, Ltd., a New York City residential brokerage that sells cooperative and condominium apartments, as well as townhouses. The firm has over 200 agents and three offices, plus international real estate affiliations including one in Paris. Elizabeth Stribling is also highly regarded as a business and civic leader. She was recently honored as the “Woman of Achievement” by the American Cancer Society on May 1, 2007. Last year she received the Spirit of Achievement Award at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, National Women’s Division, New York Chapter. In 2005 she was the Corporate Honoree at the French Consulate in support of the Morris-Jumel Mansion. She was Corporate Honoree at The Winter Ball of The Junior League of New York in 2004, and in 1995 received the “Henry Forster Award” for Outstanding Achievement and Conduct within the Residential Brokerage Profession of New York City.

Elizabeth Stribling is currently on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the Real Estate Board of New York. She is a former Trustee of The Hewitt School, New York City and is currently on the Board of Cambridge in America. In addition, she serves on the Board of Governors of The Foreign Policy Association. She is also on the Executive Board of New York Landmarks Conservancy and on the Board of The Women’s Committee of the Central Park Conservancy. She has recently been elected to serve on the board of the Pasteur Foundation and the France-America Foundation.

“French Heritage Society is dear to my heart. As someone who is vitally concerned with the world of preservation and conservation, FHS represents a remarkable working relationship between America and France to promote historic and architectural conservation of properties of French inspiration in both the United States as well as in France. In addition, there is a warm spirit of Franco American friendship in these endeavors that has been personally very meaningful to me. FHS forges friendship as well as saving and protecting historic properties. I am honored to be elected Chairman of FHS.”

French Heritage Society (FHS) is an American not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), tax-exempt, charitable organization. It was founded in 1982 in order to help assure survival of the architectural patrimony of France for future generations, and to support the rich French legacy in America. Over its 25 years, the organization has grown to encompass 14 Chapters across the United States, including Arizona; Atlanta; Boston; Dallas; New Orleans; New York; North Carolina; Northern California; Northern Ohio; Palm Beach; Philadelphia; Santa Barbara; Southern California; and Washington, as well as a Chapter in Paris.

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French Heritage Society has contributed to over 400 restoration grants and provided more than 10 million dollars, including matching funds, to projects throughout France, as well as to those which reflect France's historic influence in the United States. FHS has also provided more than 250 educational grants in both countries, sponsoring exchanges for students, architects, artisans, and museum curators.

French Heritage Society will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in France in October, 2007, paying tribute to the friendship and enduring ties between the United States and France, and commemorating the special anniversaries of American founding fathers Washington, Jefferson, and Franklin, as well as Lafayette. An exclusive trip has been organized that will feature privileged access to some of the country's most beautiful, private estates and wineries, hosted by their owners, and will culminate in a grand Gala and Ball at the Château de Vaux-le-Vicomte.

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