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2017 'EYES OF HISTORY®' GALA HOST ANNOUNCED

Association Prepares for Annual Black-Tie Washington Gala

(WASHINGTON, D.C. – May 1, 2017) – The White House News Photographers Association® announced that Sharyl Attkisson, Investigative Correspondent, New York Times Bestselling Author and host of Sinclair's Full Measure with Sharyl Attkisson, will be the host and emcee of the WHNPA's 2017 'Eyes of History®' awards gala to be held on June 10, 2017, at Washington's Ritz Carlton Hotel.

The top winners of the still, video, multimedia and student contests will be honored at the annual black-tie gala which celebrates all the winning photojournalists and the President of the United States. Nearly 1,000 guests, including government dignitaries and industry celebrities, attend. Another highlight of the evening will be awarding Scott Applewhite of The Associated Press the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Attkisson is a five-time Emmy Award winner and recipient of the Edward R. Murrow award for investigative reporting. She is author of the new book "The Smear" to be released in Spring 2017 and the New York Times best seller "Stonewalled." Attkisson hosts the Sunday morning national TV news program "Full Measure," which focuses on investigative and accountability reporting.

For thirty years, Attkisson was a correspondent and anchor at CBS News, PBS, CNN and in local news.

In 2013, she received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Investigative Journalism for her reporting on "The Business of Congress," which included an undercover investigation into fundraising by Republican freshmen. She received two other Emmy nominations in 2013 for "Benghazi: Dying for Security" and "Green Energy Going Red." Additionally, Attkisson received a 2013 Daytime Emmy Award as part of the CBS Sunday Morning team's entry for Outstanding Morning Program for her report: "Washington Lobbying: K-Street Behind Closed Doors."

In September 2012, Attkisson received the Emmy for Outstanding Investigative Journalism and the RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Investigative Reporting for the "Gunwalker: Fast and Furious" story.

WHNPA President Whitney Shefte said, "We are so pleased to welcome Sharyl as our host for the evening. It is an honor for us to have such an accomplished investigative journalist emcee our event."

The White House News Photographers Association is a 96-year-old non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the efforts of Washington's professional photojournalists. The WHNPA aims to provide professional and educational outreach to its members and the community through scholarships, programming, an annual competition and a celebration of the industry at the annual "Eyes of History®" gala.

For more information, please contact Whitney Shefte at president@whnpa.org or executive director Heidi Elswick at heidi@whnpa.org (301-606-8251). For further information about 'The Eyes of History®' and to view the winning images and videos, visit the WHNPA website at www.whnpa.org.

The WHNPA and 'The Eyes of History®' are sponsored in part by Nikon, Tiffen/Domke and United Airlines.

