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POTLUCK BEGINS AT 1 P.M. –

HoL Business meeting follows

& DVD SHOW OF LITHUANIA
Allied Gardens Recreation Center
GARDEN ROOM
5155 Greenbriar Ave., San Diego
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VISITORS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!!

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ANNUAL LAWN PROGRAM
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On July 25, 2010, the House of Lithuania will honor the founding of the nation-state of the Lithuania. The date is given as July 6, 1253, when the crown bestowed by the Pope on the Duke Mindaugas, anointed him a king of the Holy Roman Empire and King of Lithuania.

Each year the House of Lithuania honors its Nation's Day by presenting a program of music and dance, and various traditional foods will be available in the Food Booth. In the Hall of Nations, adjoining the Lawn, there will be a continuous film program of Lithuania.

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Last Speech of President Adamskus: A Voice to All Lithuanians

Dear People of Lithuania,

Today is a very important and festive day for Lithuania. The term of one president ends and a new president-elect will soon take the oath. The State will open a new page of its history.

Several days ago we celebrated the Day of the Coronation of King Mindaugas and the Millennium of Lithuania. It was an opportunity to have a closer look at our history, its most significant dates and personalities, to exchange ideas about the ways in which our nation and the State have arrived the present day and about future prospects.

Therefore, while the beginning of Dalia Grybauskaitė's presidency is viewed as a certain threshold in political life, a promising a time of change, we should not forget continuity. And, first and foremost, the continuity of reforms….

Speaking about the present-day Lithuania and its foreign policy, I have said before that in the eyes of Europe and the world Lithuania looks much better than we see it ourselves. Indeed, you sometimes get an impression that our foreign partners and visitors to this country respect us more than we - the citizens of Lithuania - respect one another.

Clearly, people have different visions of Lithuania, and it will always be like that. However, different vectors of Lithuania's future should be combined or reconciled rather than opposed to one another. Yes, it is true that we are weighed down by a multitude of problems and concerns.

Today again, in the face of serious difficulties, Lithuania has to replicate its historical fate - within a few decades of freedom it must achieve what free nations have achieved throughout centuries. But at no other time and in no other country was well-being created by self-contempt, aggression and mistrust, disrespect for the self and the nation, and division of the State.

Therefore, we should think of Lithuania as a value to be cherished, a value which is indivisible, which cannot be atomized and split into two or more polarized Lithuanias. It has always been my goal to avoid several Lithuanias that mistrust one another. Lithuania is one, and only thus united and unfragmented it can overcome all challenges, become a safe and attractive country, able to retain its hard-working and creative people. We experienced this sense of unity on July 6th when celebrating the Millennium of Lithuania and singing the national anthem together with all the Lithuanians of the world…

--Valdas Adamskus Final Speech as President, 7/10/09.

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