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AYAAN HIRSI ALI TO RECEIVE 2015 BRADLEY PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Washington, D.C. Awards Ceremony Scheduled for June 3

Milwaukee, WI — The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation announced today one of the four 2015 Bradley Prizes will be presented to human rights advocate **Ayaan Hirsi Ali**.

The Bradley Prize will be awarded to Ms. Hirsi Ali at a ceremony to be held at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. on **Wednesday, June 3**. Each award carries a stipend of \$250,000.

Born in Mogadishu, Somalia, Ms. Hirsi Ali was raised in the Muslim faith. She fled to the Netherlands in 1992 to escape a forced marriage. From 2003 to 2006, Ms. Hirsi Ali served as a member of the Dutch parliament.

Ms. Hirsi Ali is the founder of the AHA Foundation, the leading organization working to end honor violence against women. She wrote the short drama film *Submission* to draw public attention to the abuse of women in Islamic societies. She is the bestselling author of *Infidel* (2007) and *Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now* (2015). Ms. Hirsi Ali became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2013 and was named a fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. She is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

“Ayaan Hirsi Ali is a model of courage,” **noted Michael W. Grebe, President and CEO of the Bradley Foundation**. “Her devotion to freedom, human rights and particularly the protection of women is inspiring and is deserving of this honor.”

The selection was based on nominations provided by more than 200 prominent individuals across the country and chosen by the Bradley Prizes Selection Committee.

“Through the Bradley Prizes, we recognize individuals like Ms. Hirsi Ali whose accomplishments strengthen freedom at home and abroad, with the hope that others will strive for excellence in their respective fields,” said Mr. Grebe.

Founded in 1985, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation is devoted to strengthening American democratic capitalism and the institutions, principles and values that sustain and nurture it. Its programs support limited, competent government; a dynamic marketplace for economic, intellectual and cultural activity; and a vigorous defense, at home and abroad, of American ideas and institutions. Recognizing that responsible self-government depends on enlightened citizens and informed public opinion, the Foundation supports scholarly studies and academic achievement.

To schedule an interview with Bradley Foundation President & CEO Michael Grebe, please contact Kevin McVicker with Shirley & Banister Public Affairs at (703) 739-5920 or (800) 536-5920.

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