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FORMER U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL EDWIN MEESE TO RECEIVE 2012 BRADLEY PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Fourth of Four Prize Recipients Announced Today

<u>Milwaukee, WI</u>—The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation announced today that one of four 2012 Bradley Prizes will be awarded to **former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese III**, the Ronald Reagan Distinguished Fellow in Public Policy and Chairman of the Center for Legal and Judicial Studies at the Heritage Foundation.

The award will be presented to Mr. Meese during a ceremony to be held at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. on **Thursday, June 7.** Each award carries a stipend of \$250,000.

"Ed Meese has been an invaluable public servant" said **Michael W. Grebe,** President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bradley Foundation. "His entire career has involved upholding the rule of law and making the nation more secure."

Attorney General Meese served as California Governor Ronald Reagan's Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff. He served as Counselor to President Reagan from 1981 to 1985 and as the nation's 75th Attorney General from 1985 to 1988. Attorney General Meese graduated from Yale University and received his law degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

The selection was based on nominations solicited from more than 200 prominent individuals across the country and chosen by a Selection Committee, which included Terry Considine, Pierre S. du Pont, Robert P. George, Michael W. Grebe (Bradley Prizes Committee Chair), Alan Charles Kors, Charles Krauthammer, Dianne J. Sehler, Shelby Steele and George F. Will.

"Through the Bradley Prizes, we recognize individuals like Ed Meese who have made outstanding contributions, in hopes 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, 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.