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(Boulder) – March 29, 2004 – Honolulu City and County Mayor Jeremy Harris will deliver a plenary speech on “Sustainability in a Divided World” to the Conference on World Affairs on Monday, April 5 at 4 p.m. in the UMC Center Ballroom.

During his ten years as Mayor of Honolulu, Jeremy Harris has built a reputation as a dynamic leader. He has worked to develop Honolulu, America’s twelfth largest city, into a model Urban Center in terms of land-use planning, environmental protection, alternative energy use and protection of streams and coastal waters.

“Population growth and urbanization continue to fuel global resource consumption and environmental degradation, with developed nations eclipsing the developing world in terms of their respective ecological footprints. As the quality of life in the world’s cities is diminished through unsustainable policies and practices, the effects of widespread air and water pollution are felt disproportionately among city dwellers in the developing world,” says Harris.

In 1999 Harris founded the Mayors’ Asia-Pacific Environmental Summit, an organization of hundreds of Asian and Pacific urban leaders. At the recent World Congress in Athens, his program was praised as a model for global application. Harris has worked with Asian leaders, serving as the U.S. chair of the Japan/American Conference of Mayors and as a member of the executive committee of the International Council for Local Environmental

Issues. His decade-long commitment to urban design and sustainability led to his recent appointment as a director of the National Board of the American Institute of Architects.

All Conference on World Affairs sessions are free and open to the public. For the full schedule of 212 CWA events, see www.colorado.edu/cwa

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