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THOMAS DONNELLY JOINS THE U.S.-CHINA COMMISSION

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Washington, D.C. – The U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of Thomas Donnelly as a member of the Commission. He was appointed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist on February 10, 2005, to a two-year term expiring December 31, 2006.

A copy of Mr. Donnelly's bio follows. He may be reached at the American Enterprise Institute at (202) 862-5875 (his direct number), via email at TDonnelly@aei.org, or via AEI research associate Vance Serchuk at (202) 862-5845.

BIOGRAPHY – THOMAS DONNELLY

Thomas Donnelly is resident fellow in defense and security policy studies at the American Enterprise Institute, where he researches U.S. grand strategy and military requirements in the post-Cold War world. He is also a contributing writer to the *Weekly Standard* online and the author of AEI's monthly *National Security Outlook*.

Donnelly began his career as a journalist in 1978 at the *Journal* newspapers in the Washington, D.C. suburbs, and moved to *Army Times* in 1980. In 1985 he helped launch *Defense News*, becoming the paper's deputy editor in 1987. Later that year, he returned to *Army Times* as editor. During his six years as editor, he reinvigorated the paper's design and news coverage while writing major stories on Operation Just Cause in Panama, the Gulf War, and the mission to Somalia. In 1994, he became executive editor of the *National Interest*.

In 1995, he joined the professional staff of the House Committee on Armed Services and soon was named head of the policy group. His major contributions to the committee's work included overseeing committee activities concerning the operations of U.S. forces in the Balkans, leading the committee's investigation of the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia and worldwide readiness problems, and establishing a series of hearings and committee white papers on American security interests in the post-Cold War world. In addition, Donnelly drafted significant legislative initiatives to reform the Defense Department's readiness reporting system, explore the promise of the current revolution in military affairs, monitor developments in the Chinese military, understand the military and strategic effects of an expanded NATO alliance, and shape the requirements for the 1997 and 2001 Quadrennial Defense Reviews.

Donnelly's most recent book is *Operation Iraqi Freedom: A Strategic Assessment* (AEI Press, 2004). He is also the author of a forthcoming study, *The Defense Requirements of the Bush Doctrine* (AEI Press, 2005). Previously, Donnelly co-wrote two books. The first, *Operation Just Cause: The Storming of Panama*, has been recognized as the most complete work on the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama, praised by one reviewer as "the definitive study of modern campaign planning...destined to be studied at war colleges for years to come." *Clash of Chariots: A History of Armored Warfare*, was published by Berkeley Books in 1996. Donnelly's writings have been featured in the *Washington Post*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Weekly Standard*, *Los Angeles Times*, *National Interest*, *Jane's Defence Week*, and numerous other newspapers and journals.

Donnelly is a Washington, D.C. native, born June 13, 1953, and educated at Sidwell Friends School; Ithaca College, from which he holds a baccalaureate degree in philosophy; and John Hopkins' Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, from which he holds a master's degree. He lives in the Washington suburbs with his wife and two sons.