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**STEVE FORBES BLAMES FEDERAL RESERVE
FOR ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN AND UNCERTAINTY AT THE
WASHINGTON D.C. MONEY SHOW**

Forbes' Commentary Now Available as Web Cast on MoneyShow.com

SARASOTA, FL, September 26, 2007 – Delivering the keynote address at the recent Washington D.C. Money Show, a leading investment trade show for investors, traders and financial advisors, Steve Forbes, President and CEO of Forbes, and Editor-in-Chief of *Forbes* Magazine, blamed the Federal Reserve for the current economic slow down and uncertainty in the country today. Forbes' speech titled, "Disarray in Washington: What Impact on Stocks and the Economy," can be viewed for free on MoneyShow.com at: <http://www.moneyshow.com/webcast/flvPlayerSEG.asp?wkspID=7cb3d9c5347043659f40f39db2481d0a&segID=&lu=jennifermeyer@intershow.com>

In his speech, Forbes also spoke on a range of national issues that affect the economy and stock market, from the 2008 presidential elections and war in Iraq, to housing and taxation, which will play a major role throughout the months ahead. He provided his opinion on the challenges facing Congress to correct the current uncertainty in the markets today and the shortcomings of the Federal Reserve in continuing to spur economic growth.

Following are excerpts from Forbes' keynote address at the Washington D.C. Money Show:

On the Federal Reserve and the current credit crisis: "In order to understand where we are at and where we can go, it is important to understand what is the origin of the current credit crisis...what made possible the volume of lunacy, the magnitude of it were mistakes by the

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Federal Reserve. It is amazing this powerful institution gets away with all that it gets away with. Its prime task is to keep a stable currency. This is controversial, I think a currency should have a stable value...the more stability you have in a currency the better...and the Federal Reserve has not kept a stable value of the currency.”

On interest rates: “Make no mistake that if you destroy credit in an economy, everyone’s going to go down, because even if you have globs of cash -- your business doesn’t need outside capital -- but if your customers are getting hurt you’re not going to have sales -- we (customers) depend on credit...what the Federal Reserve should do is not slam on the brakes...what they should do, but they won’t, is float interest rates, stop trying to guess the markets on interest rates, they have no more idea where interest rates are going to go than you and me.”

On the U.S. economy: “The American economy is like Rodney Dangerfield, it gets no respect, and right now we’re in a period of a slowdown, but over time the growth rate of the American economy is phenomenal...but remember for all our problems the past four years, the expansion of the American economy alone, just the growth alone, exceeds the entire size of the Chinese economy.”

On taxation and the U.S. Congress: “A couple of things to watch out for on the Congressional front, among many, one is taxes, politicians love taxes, finding new ways to pick your pockets, this is a bad dangerous thing to do because after all, we are already overtaxed...”

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