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## **MEDIA ADVISORY— SPECIAL EVENT**

### **Hero of the Warsaw Uprising To Speak At National History Day Welcome Ceremony**

*National History Day, A Year-Long Education Program, Brings the Classroom into the Community*

**WHO: Julian Kulski**

At the tender age of 12, Julian Kulski swore an oath of secrecy and became a freedom fighter in the underground resistance to Germany's occupation of his native Poland in World War II. The German invasion in 1939 shattered the middle-class life of his prominent Christian family in Warsaw, toppled the country's democratic government, and replaced Poland's traditional flag—and its symbolic white eagle—with the Nazi swastika. Julian's father and uncle had been heroes in Poland's war for independence from Russia in 1919. That legacy inspired the boy's patriotism and determination to fight for freedom, family, friends, and Poland until American soldiers rescued him from a German prison camp at the end of the war. He was then 16.

Dr. Julian E. Kulski will speak at the ceremony about his new autobiography "Legacy of the White Eagle" and his new experience as a freedom fighter.

**WHAT:** National History Day (NHD) Welcome Ceremony on Sunday, June 11 will kick off the 2006 national contest. Young history scholars from across the country will present projects based on months of research related to this year's National History Day theme, *Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events*.

National History Day is a highly regarded and academically challenging non-profit program. The goal of the year-long program is to promote the study of history by engaging students and teachers in the excitement of historical inquiry, community outreach and creative presentation.

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** University of Maryland, College Park, Nyumburu Amphitheater

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