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Patrick M. Byrne, Overstock.com founder, to speak at NPRI event honoring Milton Friedman

LAS VEGAS — Dr. Patrick M. Byrne, founder of Overstock.com and chairman of the Foundation for Educational Choice, will discuss ideas for solving Nevada's economic challenges through public education reform at a policy luncheon hosted by the Nevada Policy Research Institute. The luncheon, which will be held on July 30, 2010 at the Las Vegas Country Club, is part of the Milton Friedman Legacy of Freedom Day celebration taking place across the United States and in four other countries.

Byrne, who has founded 19 schools internationally, is a former professor who received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in philosophy and Asian studies, his master's degree in philosophy from Cambridge University as a Marshall Scholar, and his doctorate in philosophy from Stanford University. He has a black belt in tae kwon do and once pursued a career in boxing. After surviving cancer, he cycled across the country four times. His last ride, in the summer of 2000, helped raise awareness and record-breaking funds for cancer research at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

“Patrick M. Byrne is one of the leading advocates for educational freedom in America today,” said NPRI President Sharon Rossie. “As Nevada attempts to deal with record-high unemployment levels, Dr. Byrne's ideas for addressing our state's economic challenges through education reform are especially relevant today.”

July 31, 2010 would have been the late Dr. Milton Friedman's 98th birthday. The Milton Friedman Legacy of Freedom Day events are held in honor of the impact Dr. Friedman has had on society and to help clarify his moral framework for freedom and free enterprise. The NPRI event will be held in partnership with the Foundation for Educational Choice.

“We at NPRI are honored to participate in this celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Milton Friedman,” Rossie said. “Given the enormous challenges facing our state and our nation, his free-market ideas for economic and education policy are needed today more than ever.”

Additional information is available at <http://npri.org/events/npris-july-2010-policy-luncheon>.

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