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CHELSEA HOUSE CONSULTING EDITOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

Philadelphia, PA—June 14, 2004—Chelsea House Publishers, a leading nonfiction library publisher of curriculum-oriented books for children and young adults and a unit of Hights Cross Communications, Inc., announced today that its consulting editor, Charles “Fritz” Gritzner, has received the Association of American Geographers 2004 Distinguished Teaching Honors. Gritzner is distinguished professor of geography at South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. The award plaque notes that Gritzner is “a model teacher who has worked tirelessly to ensure that geography is both required and taught well within schools throughout South Dakota.”

Since fall 2002, Gritzner has worked with Chelsea House Publishers as the Series Consulting Editor for Geography to create *Modern World Nations*, a new generation of books that reflect the physical geography, history, government, and culture of nations around the world. To date, there are 55 titles in the series, many of which are written by teachers who have visited and studied in the country they write about. *Modern World Nations* is now a Chelsea House best-selling series. The books have been widely recognized for their design and up-to-date content.

Chelsea House said Gritzner is also leading the development of a new series of ten books that will showcase the historical and contemporary cultural traditions of ten cultural regions of the world. This new series grows out of librarian and teacher demand for books that present more content on the religion, art, music, cuisine, and other cultural aspects of the people or peoples living in regions united by common factors that cross national lines. The new series will publish in August 2005.

About Chelsea House Publishers: Chelsea House Publishers, founded in 1966 and located near Philadelphia, PA, is a leading publisher of high quality, nonfiction books for children and young adults on such topics as American history, multicultural studies, biographies, sports, science, and health. In addition, Chelsea House offers hundreds of volumes of literary criticism, edited by Harold Bloom, Sterling Professor of the Humanities, Yale University, as well as reference books for older readers. Its books are broadly adopted worldwide by school and public libraries. Chelsea House Publishers is a

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About Hights Cross Communications:

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross Communications is a premier educational and library publisher dedicated to creating the finest books, audio products, periodicals, software and online services, serving the following markets: K-12 supplemental education, public and school library publishing, audio books, and medical continuing education publishing. Hights Cross companies include: Sundance/Newbridge Educational Publishing (Northborough, MA), Triumph Learning (New York, NY), Recorded Books (Prince Frederick, MD), Chelsea House Publishers (Langhorne, PA), and Oakstone Publishing (Birmingham, AL). Hights Cross investors include Great Hill Partners and Peter J. Quandt. For more information visit www.hightscross.com.

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