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The Billy Foundation Receives Commendation from California Governor Gray Davis for 4th Annual “SunSafe” Gala

- Event raises over \$75,000 for melanoma public awareness, education and research programs -

Hayward, CA.- October 31, 2002 – The William S. Graham Foundation for Melanoma Research, Inc., (The Billy Foundation) announced it received a commendation from California Governor Gray Davis for the foundation’s 4th Annual SunSafe Moonlit Night Gala. The Gala, underwritten by Lumar UV Films, raised over \$75,000 to benefit melanoma public awareness, education and research programs.

“It is a great pleasure to recognize all who gathered for the 4th Annual SunSafe Moonlit Gala,” said Gray Davis, Governor of California. “The event is a wonderful opportunity to allow members of the community to collaborate in order to continue melanoma research.”

“We are pleased to receive the Governor’s commendation for this important fundraising event, which helped us achieve a record amount in contributions,” said Karen Graham President and Founder of the Billy Foundation. “This is further testimony of the State of California’s support for melanoma prevention and research. Over the past two years, the State signed into action two bills promoting ‘Sun Safety’ practices to protect children while they are in school. Over the next year, we hope to build on this success and make similar strides nation wide.”

The Billy Foundation is a 501-C3 non-profit organization whose primary purpose is to raise funds in support of research designated to finding the cure for the later stages of the deadly disease, Malignant Melanoma, to educate the public regarding the cause and prevention; and through specific public awareness programs assist in the early detection of this insidious, potentially lethal cancer.

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