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Congressman Jay Inslee speaks at Wilton Library on Feb. 11

Wilton, CT – Congressman Jay Inslee, a recognized leader in Washington, D.C. on energy issues, speaks at Wilton Library on Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. Mr. Inslee co-authored, with Bracken Hendricks, *Apollo's Fire: Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy* (Island Press, 2007). Mr. Inslee, representing the First District of the State of Washington, also is a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, and has been a longtime environmental authority and advocate. His book presents an optimistic view on how the U.S. can create a new economy by focusing on clean energy from sources such as solar power, wind turbines and hybrid cars. The book ties together the concepts of clean energy and economic growth.

According to Helen Thomas, a Hearst Newspapers' columnist, *Apollo's Fire* is “a brilliant, inspiring book on the need to set goals and find future solutions to achieve clean, efficient energy. It is beautifully written, exciting and hopeful. It's a must read for every American who wants to save the planet.” In his forward to the book, former President Bill Clinton stated, “It is innovation for the improvement of humanity. *Apollo's Fire* calls us to our destiny.”

Since 2005, Mr. Inslee has used his seat on the powerful House Energy and Commerce Committee to promote his vision for a clean energy future, the New Apollo Energy Act, and to advance other legislation that would reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. In March 2007, he was appointed to the 15-member Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, due to his longtime efforts to address climate change. No stranger to environmental issues, he began focusing on the planet as early as 1972, when he attended the first world environmental conference in Stockholm, Sweden and was involved in a research project concerning energy use

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policies of Sweden and the United States. He holds a Bachelors degree in Economics from the University of Washington and a J.D. from Willamette University School of Law.

The New Apollo Energy Act, passed in 2007, is a comprehensive energy policy that provides a vision for relieving the U.S. of dependence on foreign oil, addresses global warming, and seeks to expand our economy and create new jobs.

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There is no charge for the program which has been sponsored by the Betsy and Jesse Fink Foundation for Wilton Library's Environmental Initiative. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Advance registration is strongly recommended. Pre-registrants must arrive by 6:50 to be guaranteed seating. After 6:50 p.m. and if space is available, waitlisted and walk-in registrants will be admitted. Additional seating will be available via simulcast in the Rimer Room. To register, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org/events or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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