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Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves attends USBF sponsored Capitol Hill premiere of *The Singing Revolution*

Washington, D.C. – Members of USBF’s Board of Directors welcomed Estonian President Toomas Ilves to the U.S. Capitol on June 26th at a reception for the preview screening of *The Singing Revolution*. This important documentary film, co-sponsored by USBF, follows Estonia peaceful path to democracy and independence in the 1980’s and 1990’s, and is expected later this year.

Over 75 guests – including Congressional staff, other government officials and representatives of universities and NGO’s – attended the program which was co-sponsored by Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL) and Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL). USBF board members participating included Ambassador Ints Silins, Dom Repici, Maria Ogrzydziak (Chair of USBF’s 2008 Gala) and Linas Kojelis (Acting Executive Director). Also participating were filmmakers Maureen Castle and Jim Tusty, producers of the documentary film (www.singingrevolution.com).



USBF Acting Executive Director Linas Kojelis introduces Estonian President Toomas Ilves.



USBF board members welcome President Ilves: (*from left*) Dom Repici, President Toomas Ilves, Linas Kojelis, Maria Ogrydziak (Chair of USBF's 2008 Gala) and Ambassador Ints Silins.