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Dr. Ben Carson Speaks at the Association of Christian Schools International's Public Policy and Advocacy Summit

WASHINGTON, DC: Dr. Ben Carson recently took the stage at the Association of Christian Schools International's (ACSI) Public Policy and Advocacy <u>Summit</u>, hosted at the Museum of the Bible, where he spoke about the Little Patriots Program and shared his insights on the current state of education in America.

"I thoroughly enjoyed speaking about the vital importance of educating the next generation of American leaders," said the American Cornerstone Institute's (ACI) Founder & Chairman, Dr. Ben Carson. "ACSI's mission aligns with the vision of our Little Patriots program, which was designed to foster a deeper appreciation for the freedoms we all cherish as Americans. We are excited to continue our partnership with ACSI as an official Strategic Partner, connecting with Christian schools, educators, and leaders to inspire and empower future generations."

ACI's Little Patriots Program emphasizes timeless principles of liberty, individual responsibility, and the pursuit of excellence with interactive lessons and supplemental curriculum. Completely free of charge, Little Patriots provides educational resources for kindergarten through 5th grade, including grade-specific curriculum, a fun and engaging cartoon series, "Star Spangled Adventures," and children's books written by Dr. Carson. Each lesson is enhanced with a faith component. These free resources provide creative content to enhance students' understanding through cross-disciplinary approaches that can be integrated into reading, history, and social studies programs.

"The Public Policy and Advocacy Summit is a powerful time for Christian school leaders to come together to hear from experts in the field and get equipped in advocacy," said ACSI President and CEO Dr. Larry Taylor. He continued, "I am passionate about ensuring that we can be a voice for Christian education. We are in a moment in history where Christian school leaders and educators can truly make a difference for the Kingdom."

In April 2024, the American Cornerstone Institute announced its Strategic Partnership with the Association of Christian Schools International. The collaboration marks the first time ACI has joined ACSI's Strategic Partnership Program. So far this year, ACI has actively engaged with ACSI schools across the country, connecting them and their educators with this invaluable free resource, including a special Celebrate Freedom Week teacher kit available to ACSI member schools.

For more information on ACI's Little Patriots Program, visit <u>LittlePatriotsLearning.com</u>. The American Cornerstone Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2021 by Dr. Ben Carson that focuses on advancing America's founding principles of faith, liberty, community, and life. Learn more by visiting AmericanCornerstone.org.

For more information on ACSI, visit the <u>website</u>. ACSI exists to strengthen Christian schools and equip Christian educators worldwide as they prepare students academically and inspire them to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.