

Castle Honored by National Organizations for Work on Increased Funding for Medical Research, Education -- June 7, 2006

Washington, D.C. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle received two distinguished national awards Tuesday and Wednesday for his exemplary work for health and education efforts such as securing additional funding for medical research and education in the 2007 House budget resolution and his leadership in crafting and implementing No Child Left Behind.

On Tuesday, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) presented their Public Service Award to Castle for his leadership and outstanding commitment to important health and education programs during the recent budget resolution debate in the House of Representatives.

"Congressman Castle's passion for helping patients stricken with diabetes, Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries or other serious illnesses is truly inspiring," said FASEB President Bruce R. Bistran, MD, Ph.D. "FASEB wishes to recognize his tremendous leadership and tireless dedication in working for the health and well-being of the American people."

Today, he will receive the 'Friend of Education' Award from the Association of Educational Publishers for his work to ensure education research is scientifically based, to strengthen No Child Left Behind and to make sure education laws work properly for disadvantaged and disabled children.

"I am honored to receive these awards from two wonderful organizations that work everyday to help advance important health and education initiatives throughout the country. I promise to continue trying to aid the important work these organizations do by continuing to fight for increased funding for medical research and working hard to ensure that every child has access to a quality education," Castle said.

FASEB was founded in 1912 by three societies, and has consistently provided educational meetings and publications to disseminate biological research results. The organization is now composed of a number of Member Societies, including The American Physiological Society, American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, American Society for Nutrition. The Association of Educational Publishers is a national, nonprofit professional organization for educational publishers that works to help provide quality materials for every educator and student. Previous 'Friends of Education' include Athlete Michael Jordan, Film Maker Ken Burns, and Surgeon General C. Everett Koop.