

Castle Commemorates the Fifth Anniversary of 9/11 -- September 11, 2006

Wilmington, DE -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle released the following statement today commemorating the fifth anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

"As we commemorate the tragic events of September 11, 2001, it is hard to believe it was five years ago that terrorists used airliners as weapons and caused one of the greatest tragedies our country has ever faced, killing thousands of innocent Americans and challenging our homeland security. On this day of remembrance, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies and prayers to the families and friends who lost loved ones on that clear September day. Although the events took place five years ago, our memories remain vivid and must sustain us through these difficult times.

"On September 11, 2001 and in the days and months that ensued, Americans came together to remember those that were lost, support those that mourned for loved ones and tried to return to everyday life in defiance of the terrorists who wished to create an environment of fear throughout the country. Every American and Delawarean should try to continue to defy those goals of terror by continuing their daily activities. For my part, I will continue to work in Congress to ensure that the most stringent measures of safety are in place to protect every American.

"As the crowds gather around Delaware today in commemoration, I hope they look at the American flag waving in the sky and remember all that it symbolizes. Remember the values and ideals of democracy that we hold so dear here in the United States and know that our country is full of men and women who exemplify those traits. Let us continue to honor those men and women who help us fight terrorism, who strive to keep us safe everyday."