

## Statement of Congressman Mike Castle on the Death of Former President Gerald Ford -- December 27, 2006

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle today released the following statement regarding the death of former President Gerald Ford, the longest-living President of the United States:

"From the time Gerald Ford served as Vice President of this nation, history seemed to have a special place reserved for him. President Ford was a deeply respected countryman and when duty called to unite the country after one of the worst and divisive political scandals, he did so with humility, grace and courage. He was selfless and frank, making decisions based on their impact, regardless of their popularity. That is what helped America move through the Watergate scandal and return integrity to the Office of the President.

"I express my condolences to former First Lady Betty Ford and the entire Ford Family. May they take comfort in the fact that President Ford's impact on this nation is great and his legacy long."

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