

## Castle Statement on State Funeral Service for President Gerald Ford -- January 2, 2007

Washington, D.C. -- After attending today's state funeral service for former President Gerald Ford, Delaware Congressman Mike Castle released the following statement regarding the life and legacy of the longest living President of the United States.

"Today's funeral service for former President Gerald Ford was a beautiful memorial for a man who served his country with grace and dignity during his brief time in the Oval Office. Those who worked closely with him eloquently shared their memories of his service to the United States during World War II, his commitment to the Presidency during the tumultuous times of Watergate, his generosity to his fellow Americans, and his unwavering dedication to his family and particularly his wife Betty. Their marriage and partnership is a love story that should serve as a model to any husband and wife.

"Gerald Ford lived his life with courage and integrity, traits we should treasure in any leader, and I was honored to be there today to witness the farewell to such a great man and a great American."

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