

## Castle Recognizes Heroism of Barbaro -- January 29, 2007

Washington, D.C. -- Upon learning that racing horse, Barbaro, had been euthanized Delaware Congressman Mike Castle today submitted the following statement for the Congressional Record, the official transcript of the House of Representatives:

"Madame Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to remember the brave and heroic life of Barbaro. This magnificent racehorse connected with so many Americans because of his drive and determination.

"A Rocky Balboa figure, Barbaro continued to fight even when the odds were strongly stacked against him. While many veterinarians said that a horse could not survive with the type of injuries Barbaro sustained at the Preakness, he fought for over 8 months, greatly exceeding expectations. What followed the injury was an outpouring of support not frequently seen in our world today. Letters, donations and gifts came in from all over the world, all because of what this wonderful horse embodied.

"Barbaro had a strong connection to my home state of Delaware as he raced at Delaware Park and was trained by local trainer Michael Matz. The Barbaro story is an inspirational tale that will be remembered for generations. While a racing champion many times over, Barbaro's greatest talent was bringing people together and inspiring them."

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