

## Castle Supports Legislation Banning Permanent Military Bases in Iraq -- July 25, 2007

Washington, D.C. -- Delaware

Congressman Mike Castle today helped to overwhelmingly pass H.R. 2929, 399-24, which would prohibit the establishment of permanent military bases for U.S. troops in Iraq. Current U.S. policy forbids the establishment of permanent military installations and the FY 2007 Defense Appropriations Act and the latest Iraq War Emergency Supplemental bill banned the establishment of permanent U.S. bases in Iraq as well. The bill also states that the U.S. fully supports the efforts of the Iraqi people to exercise full national sovereignty, including control over security and public safety. Additionally, the bill would prohibit the U.S. government from exercising economic control over oil resources in Iraq.

"Within the last year Congress

has passed, and the President has signed, three separate bills opposing the establishment of permanent military bases in Iraq. It is important to make clear that the US does not intend to occupy Iraq indefinitely.

Additionally, I hope that Congress will soon consider meaningful legislation to set forth a real strategy for securing the region and bringing American soldiers home, such as the Iraq Study Group Recommendations Implementations Act," Castle said.###