

Castle Receives Highest Honor from American Cancer Society -- September 28, 2007

Washington, DC - Delaware Congressman Mike

Castle received the 2007 National Distinguished Advocacy Award from the American Cancer Society (ACS) -- the ACS's highest honor -- at the Society's Celebration on the Hill. The Distinguished Advocacy Award is bestowed upon select legislators to recognize distinction and accomplishment in public policy advocacy pertaining to cancer.

Rep. Castle is a co-sponsor of legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to combat breast cancer and childhood cancer, and providing the FDA the authority to regulate the marketing and distribution of tobacco production. In addition, he has been a leader in the House for increasing federal research funding for the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute and the sponsor a bill to expand federal embryonic stem cell research, which holds the promise for finding treatments and cures for so many diseases.

More than 500 cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and volunteers from all 50 states united in Washington this week to lobby their members of Congress in support of policies that will help prevent and fight cancer. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) is hosting its annual leadership summit and lobby day to give volunteers the opportunity to meet with their elected officials to encourage support for ACS CAN's lifesaving federal initiatives that are critical to reducing suffering and death from cancer.

In his remarks, Castle highlighted the need for a robust federal medical research agenda, "As far as finding a cure for cancer and better and more effective treatments -- there is no greater cause than an aggressive research agenda at the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute.

"I share in the ACS's goal of fully utilizing the resources of the federal government to find better treatments and ultimately a cure for cancer and so many other diseases," Castle said.

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