

Castle Honored By Parkinson's Action Network -- October 3, 2007

Washington, D.C. -- Tonight, Delaware

Congressman Mike Castle will be awarded the 2007 Morris K. Udall Award for Public Service at the Parkinson's Action Network's 14th Annual Awards Dinner. The award, being given to both Rep. Castle and Senator Reid, is presented to those distinguished individuals who have made important contributions to public policy with the humor, grace, and dignity for which Mo Udall is remembered.

"It is a tremendous honor being selected by the Parkinson's Action Network as a recipient of the 2007 Udall Award for Public Service," said Castle. "While Americans are faced with so many health challenges, we are blessed with the scientific technology and innovation that continues to improve the lives of so many. Research on treatment and cures through the National Institutes of Health, and patient access to both healthcare and life-saving drugs, continues to be vital.

I am a strong advocate to expand the federal embryonic stem cell research policy, which I believe holds the promise of breakthrough treatments and ultimately cures for wide range of diseases and debilitating health conditions, including Parkinson's disease, and I remain committed to making this a high priority for Congress."

Founded in 1991, the Parkinson's Action Network (PAN) is the unified education and advocacy voice of the Parkinson's community. Through interaction with the Parkinson's community, scientists, policy and opinion leaders, and the public at large, PAN advocates for increased and accelerated investment of public resources to ease the burden and bring a cure to the more than one million Americans who suffer from Parkinson's disease. www.parkinsonsaction.org.

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