

CASTLE HONORED AS GUARDIAN OF SMALL BUSINESS BY NFIB -- September 25, 2008

Washington, D.C., – The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), the nation's leading small business association, has named U.S. Rep. Michael Castle (DE-R) a Guardian of Small Business for his outstanding voting record on behalf of America's small business owners in the 110th Congress.

NFIB President and CEO Todd Stottlemeyer praised Rep. Castle for "standing for small business." In presenting the group's coveted Guardian of Small Business award, Stottlemeyer said, "Small business owners pay close attention to how their lawmakers vote on the issues affecting their businesses and employees and stand by those who stand for them."

"The record shows that Rep. Castle is a true champion of small business, having stood strong on the key small-business votes in the 110th Congress," said Stottlemeyer. "This award reflects our members' appreciation for supporting the NFIB pro-growth agenda for small business."

NFIB's voting record tallies 10 key small business votes in the U.S. House of Representatives taken during the 2007 and 2008 sessions. Issues included tax relief, card-check legislation, protection from lawsuits and regulatory reform.

In all, NFIB will present Guardian awards to 194 representatives who voted favorably on key small business issues at least 70 percent of the time during the 110th Congress.

To view "How Congress Voted," which has the key small business votes and voting percentages for each lawmaker, go to <http://www.NFIB.com/hcv>

Attached is a picture of Rep. Castle being presented with the award in Washington from NFIB President and CEO Todd Stottlemeyer.

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