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Washington D.C. - On Thursday, July 20, 2006, the Center for National Policy will present the 2006 Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award to Representative John P. Murtha (D-Pa.).

The Center for National Policy is pleased to honor Congressman Murtha for his lifetime of patriotic service to our nation. From his 37 years as a Marine officer, including two years in Vietnam where he earned two Purple Hearts, and through his 16 terms in the House of Representatives representing the people of the 12th Congressional District, Congressman Murtha's career has been a powerful example of the kind of public service personified by the late Senator Ed Muskie. Congressman Murtha's dedication to keeping America's military strong, to supporting military families and his courageous decision to voice an alternative policy for Iraq in the face of strong political opposition has earned Congressman John Murtha the 2006 Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Service Award.

During the presentation luncheon, Rep. Murtha will make a national security address that will last approximately 10 minutes.

The Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award honors the late Edmund S. Muskie (1914-1996), who served our nation in the Navy, as governor of Maine, as U.S. senator and as U.S. secretary of state. He chaired the CNP board following his retirement from government service.

WHO: The Honorable John P. Murtha, U.S. House of Representatives, and the Honorable Tim Roemer, President, Center for National Policy

WHAT: Edmund S. Muskie Distinguished Public Service Award Luncheon, 2006

WHEN: Thursday July 20, 2006, Noon - 1:30 p.m. A light reception from noon-12:30 p.m. will be followed by the luncheon/award ceremony from 12:30-1:30. After introductions and presentation of the award, Rep. Murtha will make a 10 minute acceptance speech.

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Columbia Room A/B, 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Nearest Metro: Union Station

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