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## **Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) Awards Leading Voices in Asbestos Awareness Top Honors**

### ***Awards to be Received on Third Annual National Asbestos Awareness Day***

**Redondo Beach, CA ... January 2, 2007** --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) today announced four award winners for their outstanding work and dedication to asbestos awareness related activities. Senator Patty Murray will be presented with the Tribute to Hope Award for her quest to ban asbestos and fund research for a cure; Pat Martin, Canadian Member of Parliament, will receive the Tribute to Unity Award for his global work to unite, educate and empower asbestos victims and public health workers; Dr. Michael Harbut will be recognized with the Dr. Irving Selikoff Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his dedicated research into the social and medical impact asbestos has had on humankind; Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum will be presented with the Tribute to Inspiration Award for being a bridge to hope for mesothelioma victims and their families as they continue to offer encouragement, comfort, funding and guidance.

The honorees will receive their awards on the Third Annual Asbestos Awareness Day Conference scheduled for March 31 and April 1, 2007 under the auspices of the Drexel University School of Public Health. This conference is made possible with the support and collaborative efforts from the Drexel University of Public Health and the International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS).

“Senator Murray, Dr. Harbut, Pat Martin and Paul and Michelle Zygielbaum are truly inspirational human beings; their commitment, compassion and leadership have illuminated the darkness and brought hope to many whose lives have been so badly affected by these debilitating and fatal illnesses,” said Linda Reinstein, Co-Founder & Executive Director of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. “Asbestos Awareness Day is a landmark step towards education, prevention and a cure. More than 30 million homes and buildings across the nation contain asbestos - these incurable and often deadly diseases are not going away.”

Asbestos Awareness Day is an opportunity to recognize accomplishments, remember and honor loved ones and increase awareness about the present dangers of asbestos. Details will be posted on the ADAO website, [www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org](http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org).

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#### **About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization**

***Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)*** was founded by asbestos victims and their families. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, and raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and the often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit [www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org](http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org).

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