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ADAAO Applauds the United States Senate for Passing a Resolution to Establish “National Asbestos Awareness Week”

Resolution Furthers Education and Awareness of Asbestos Dangers

Washington, DC ... March 6, 2008 --- The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today applauds the United States Senate for passing a resolution that would designate the first week of April as “National Asbestos Awareness Week.” In particular, ADAAO praises Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) for sponsoring the resolution and additional cosponsors and key supporters of S.RES.108 including: Senator Richard Durbin (D-IL), Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Senator Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Senator Patty Murray (D-WA), Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) for their leadership in this important legislation.

“We are pleased with the passage of this resolution as we approach the day when asbestos is finally banned in the United States,” said Dr. Richard Lemen, former Assistant Surgeon General and Co-chairman of the ADAAO Science Advisory Board.

“We already know that asbestos exposure causes deadly diseases and cancers that kill Americans on a daily basis. The passage of this resolution will help raise awareness about the dangers of asbestos and move our nation closer to banning the deadly mineral permanently,” stated Michael R. Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP, CoDirector, National Center for Vermiculite and Asbestos-Related Cancers, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Wayne State University.

“The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization applauds the U.S. Senate and the bi-partisan cosponsors for the passage of this resolution. We cannot bring those back we’ve lost from exposure to this deadly substance, but we can ensure that our loved ones are not affected by asbestos in the future,” said Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization.

To recognize National Asbestos Awareness Week, ADAAO will hold its fourth annual conference and Remembrance Service at Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute on March 29-30 in Detroit, Michigan.

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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004. ADAAO 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 incurable and often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAAO is funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org.

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