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Senator Herb Kohl Receives Prestigious Confluence Award

WASHINGTON D.C, (May 16, 2006) - The fifth annual National Safe Boating Council (NSBC), National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) sponsored Congressional Reception took place Tuesday, May 16, 2006, to honor government officials for their work towards the advancement of boating safety. The NSBC recognized five individuals, including Senator Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, by awarding them with the prestigious Confluence Award. This award is used to recognize members of Congress or other individuals in government who have aided in the bringing together of people, resources and vision toward the betterment of safer boating. Through their positions of prestige and responsibility, these individuals have fought for funding, legislation, programs, laws and regulations for boating safety.

Senator Kohl has demonstrated a dedication to saving lives by supporting and encouraging programs and legislation that promote safer boating. He is the Co-Chair of the Senate Boating Caucus and sponsored the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund Reauthorization and Expansion bill. Senator Kohl also helped to introduce the Sportfishing and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2005 to the Senate. In addition to the National Safe Boating Council he was also nominated for an award by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for his support of boating safety programs on the state and national level. His efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated by the NSBC, NASBLA, the USCG as well as the 78 million boaters that take to the water each year.

The National Safe Boating Council is a (501)(c)3 non-profit organization that is the foremost coalition for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education. The NSBC is comprised of over 333 national, regional, and local boating and water safety agencies, organizations and corporations that are all committed to boating safety.