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Washington D.C. - The National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC), a grassroots advocacy group of hundreds of organizations and tens of thousands of individuals, will honor Representative John Murtha of Pennsylvania on May 2, 2006 at NBCC's Annual Congressional Awards reception on Capitol Hill. Held at 4:30PM in the Russell Senate Office Building (Room 325), the reception recognizes a select group of Senators and Members of Congress for their outstanding and effective leadership in the fight against breast cancer. As a member of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Rep. Murtha has been a strong supporter of the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program (DOD BCRP) and continues to work hard to protect it.

NBCC's president Fran Visco noted: "The National Breast Cancer Coalition recognizes Representative Murtha for his outstanding leadership in ensuring that the federal government gives breast cancer the attention and the funding required to bring this disease to an end. We are so grateful for his commitment and vision."

"I'm gratified that federal funding has led to tremendous advances in the detection of breast cancer and care for patients, including the testing of a treatment that so far has proved effective in preventing recurrence of this disease," Congressman Murtha said. "My thanks to The Coalition for this honor and for serving as such a knowledgeable and able partner in the effort to eradicate breast cancer."

Other honorees include Senator George Allen (VA), Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM), Senator Orinn Hatch (UT), Senator Harry Reid (NV), Senator Ted Stevens (AK), Senator Jim Talent (MO), Representative Lois Capps (CA) and Representative Jerry Lewis (CA).

Breast cancer activists in Washington from Pennsylvania and throughout the United States for the 14th Annual Advocacy Conference sponsored by NBCC and its sister organization, the National Breast Cancer Coalition Fund, will attend the reception to thank the Rep. Murtha for his efforts.

The National Breast Cancer Coalition is a grassroots organization dedicated to ending breast cancer through the power of action and advocacy. Celebrating its 15th Anniversary this year, the Coalition's main goals are to increase federal funding for breast cancer research and collaborate with the scientific community to implement new models of research; improve access to high quality health care and breast cancer clinical trials for all women; and expand the influence of breast cancer advocates in all aspects of the breast cancer decision making process. Additional information about NBCC can be found at www.stopbreastcancer.org.