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DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE HONORS SENATOR BOND AND REPRESENTATIVE REYES FOR THEIR SERVICE

Director Clapper Issues the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal

Washington, D.C. – Sen. Christopher S. “Kit” Bond and Rep. Silvestre Reyes received the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal from Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper in a ceremony at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence headquarters.

Sen. Bond is the outgoing vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, and Rep. Reyes is the outgoing chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. They have held their respective positions since the start of the 110th Congress in January 2007.

“Sen. Bond has been instrumental in crafting legislative compromises that serve to keep our nation safe,” Director Clapper said. “His longstanding commitment to the whole of the Intelligence Community and the war fighter and his signature ‘plain speak’ will always be valued and missed. I thank him for his service.”

“As a member of both the House Intelligence and Armed Services Committees, Congressman Reyes understands the needs of the intelligence consumer,” Director Clapper said. “He has worked tirelessly since 9/11 to provide the ODNI the authorities and resources needed to protect the American public, and his support for the IC Wounded Warrior Program is deeply appreciated by all.”

Key Background

The National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal is the highest award that can be granted to non-career Federal employees, private citizens or others who have performed distinguished service of exceptional significance to the Intelligence Community. The DNI established the award on Oct. 1, 2008, to acknowledge individuals who rendered extraordinary service at considerable personal sacrifice and who were motivated by patriotism, good citizenship or a sense of public responsibility.

Previous recipients of the award are Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV, former Sen. John W. Warner, and former Rep. Heather A. Wilson.

Sen. Bond has been a member of the SSCI since the 108th Congress in January 2003. He is retiring in January after serving 24 years in the Senate.

Rep. Reyes was appointed to the HPSCI in January 2001 and has also been a member of the House Armed Services Committee since he entered Congress in 1997.

The Director of National Intelligence leads intelligence integration across the 16 federal organizations that make up the Intelligence Community. The DNI also manages the implementation of the National Intelligence Program. Additionally, the DNI serves as the principal adviser to the president and the National Security Council on intelligence issues related to national security.

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