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SIA Hosts the Satellite Leadership Dinner Announces the Recipients of the 2007 *Satellite Leadership in Government Award*

Washington, DC – The Satellite Industry Association hosted the tenth annual Satellite Leadership Dinner at Union Station’s East Hall last night.

The keynote speaker for the evening, John M.R. Kneuer, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, highlighted the critical role of satellites in business continuity, national security, and the role satellite communications will continue to play in response to natural and man-made disasters.

The evening kicked off with the presentations of the 2007 *Satellite Leadership in Government Award* to Rep. Ellen O. Tauscher (D-CA), Chairman of the House Armed Services Strategic Forces Subcommittee, and Major General James B. Armor, Jr., Director of the Department of Defense National Security Space Office.

“We are delighted to honor two people who have been invaluable supporters of the satellite industry,” David Cavossa, executive director of the Satellite Industry Association, said. **“Congresswoman Tauscher has time and time again focused Congress’ attention on the satellite industry and its vital role in the economy and national security,”** Cavossa noted.

In presenting the second award of the evening, Cavossa said, **“General Armor has touched virtually every aspect of the space and satellite industry throughout his long and distinguished career. In his current position as Director of the National Security Space Office, General Armor is responsible for integrating and coordinating defense and intelligence space activities and ensuring war-fighters have access to satellite communications when they need them,”** Cavossa added.

The Satellite Leadership in Government Award is presented to a government employee or member of Congress who has demonstrated leadership and dedication to public service in working on issues affecting the satellite industry and has served as an example to others in government. The Satellite Leadership in Government Award has only been awarded three previous times.

The Satellite Industry Association is a U.S. consensus-based trade association which serves as the unified voice of the U.S. satellite industry on policy, regulatory, and legislative issues affecting the satellite business. SIA provides worldwide representation of the leading global satellite operators, service providers, manufacturers, launch services providers, integrators, ground equipment suppliers, and DBS providers.

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