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MEMORANDUM

TO: Reporters and Editors
FR: Jill Kozeny, 202/224-1308
for Sen. Grassley
RE: Sen. Craig Thomas
DA: June 5, 2007

Sen. Chuck Grassley, Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, issued the following comment about Sen. Craig Thomas.

“Sen. Thomas was a friend and an outstanding member of the Finance Committee. He was an active participant in committee business, and when I was Chairman I could always count on his diligent and valuable involvement in the issues before us. I appreciated greatly his commitment to conservative principles and the responsibilities of governing. As Chairman of the Trade Subcommittee, Sen. Thomas was a strong voice for opening new markets and opportunities for U.S. exports. He engaged himself fully in efforts to achieve ambitious outcomes from trade negotiations. Sen. Thomas was a true representative for his Wyoming constituents and worked hard for the good of our nation every day. He will be missed very much, and I extend my sincere and deep sympathies to his family and staff.”