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**Semiconductor Industry Association Honors Speaker Pelosi*****Speaker recognized for leading innovation agenda***

**Washington, D.C. – June 9, 2009** – The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) today presented its 2009 Innovation Leadership Award to Speaker Nancy Pelosi for spearheading the development of the Democratic Innovation Agenda and for her strong support for funding the science and education provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the America COMPETES Act.

“Legislation passed this year with unwavering support from Speaker Pelosi represents the most important development in federal support for science in a generation,” said SIA President George Scalise.

“For more than 50 years, leadership in technology has been critical to enhancing the productivity of American workers, driving economic growth, improving our standard of living, supporting advances in medicine and health care, and ensuring homeland and national security. Increasing federal funding for basic research and improving education, especially in math and science, is essential to maintaining U.S. leadership,” Scalise continued.

“In the current difficult economic times, securing increased funding for vital scientific research programs and educational reform was a major challenge. Speaker Pelosi’s support, especially during the intense negotiations between the House and Senate, was critical to keeping the increased funding provisions in the compromise legislation that eventually passed. We are deeply appreciative of Speaker Pelosi’s support for these innovation initiatives,” Scalise concluded.

***About the SIA***

The SIA is the leading voice for the semiconductor industry and has represented U.S. semiconductor companies since 1977. Collectively, the chip industry employs a domestic workforce of approximately 200,000 people. The semiconductor industry is America’s second-largest exporting industry. More information about the SIA can be found at [www.sia-online.org](http://www.sia-online.org).