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SIA Honors Senator Pete Domenici

-- New Mexico Senator Recognized for Strengthening U.S. Innovation Capabilities --

Washington, D.C. – September 18, 2008 – The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) today presented its Congressional Leadership Award to retiring Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM) for his dedication to promoting and strengthening U.S. innovative capabilities.

“Senator Domenici has been one of the nation’s strongest and most effective advocates for strengthening America’s competitiveness and innovation capabilities,” said SIA President George Scalise in presenting the award today. “Senator Domenici has recognized the critical importance of technology leadership in driving America’s economic growth, improving the productivity of American workers, enhancing our standard of living, and ensuring our national security. The ability to develop innovative products and services is the key to our ability to compete in today’s global economy. Senator Domenici has been a steadfast champion of measures to improve math and science education, increase federal support for basic research, retain foreign-born highly educated professionals and strengthen our innovation ecosystem. We are deeply grateful for his many years of service to our nation,” Scalise concluded.

About the SIA

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