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SIA Commends House Passage of H.R. 1868

- House Science and Technology Committee bill would boost funding for basic research at premier laboratory -

San Jose, CA - May 3, 2007 - The Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA) today applauded House passage of H.R. 1868, the "Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007," introduced by Congressman David Wu (D, OR), chairman of the Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation of House Science and Technology Committee.

"H.R. 1868 authorizes new funding for basic research at one of America's premier national laboratories," said SIA Chairman Richard K. Templeton, President and CEO of Texas Instruments. "The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is an important partner with the semiconductor industry on nanoelectronics research that will help keep U.S. chip firms on the cutting edge of innovation."

"NIST scientists conduct research in physics, materials science, and nanotechnology that is vital to our industry," said SIA President George Scalise. "This bill will help keep America competitive."

"Innovation leadership drives economic growth and builds a foundation for the future," continued Templeton. "Supporting basic research at NIST will help maintain U.S. leadership, as well as create new jobs and new opportunities. House passage of H.R. 1868 is an important step forward, and we hope Congress will provide the funding necessary for this bill to make a difference," Templeton 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 232,000 people. More information about the SIA can be found at www.sia-online.org.

