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Council of State Chambers Presents Resolution to Phil Kirk
Recognized for Continued Service to National Business, Politics and Education

RALEIGH, N.C. (November 1, 2007) -- Phil Kirk, vice president for external relations at Catawba College, public speaker and consultant, was presented with a resolution from The Council of State Chambers at its semi-annual meeting at the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia.

The resolution commends Kirk for several notable accomplishments, including his career contributions to helping restore respect to public schools, elevating the political process, and forming professional stature among business lobbyists. In addition, Kirk was also recognized for his strong ethical position, high expectations, and his seemingly limitless energy to champion business and education.

"I am tremendously humbled to receive this recognition from the top state chamber executives in the nation," Kirk said. "For the past 16 years, I have learned so much from them and from visiting all parts of the country for our meetings, in addition to forming lasting friendships."

The Council of State Chambers is comprised of CEOs of state chambers throughout the country. Hunter Howard, president and CEO of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the chairman of the Counsel of State Chambers, presented Kirk with the resolution.

Kirk served for 16 years as the president and CEO of the North Carolina Chamber (formerly NCCBI) and publisher of its magazine, *North Carolina*. For more information on Phil Kirk, visit www.phillipkirk.com.

About Phil Kirk:

Phil Kirk is the Vice President for External Relations at Catawba College in Salisbury and owner of a speaking and consulting firm. In 1970, Phil was elected as the youngest state senator in North Carolina. In 1989, Phil became president of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry and was consistently ranked among the top 25 most effective N.C. lobbyists. As politician, government official, president of NCCBI and chairman of the State Board of Education, Phil has delivered more than 6,000 talks. For more information or to book a speaking engagement, visit www.phillipkirk.com or e-mail bookings@phillipkirk.com.

About The Council of State Chambers:

The Council of State Chambers of Commerce is an organization representing over 45 state chamber of commerce organizations. The COSC promotes cooperation among state chambers through the interchange of views regarding organizational policies and practices and works to strengthen existing state chambers as advocates of their respective business communities.

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