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## **Representative Pitts Statement on the Passing of Representative Henry Hyde**

*“Hyde was a true statesman”*

**Washington**— Congressman Joe Pitts (PA-16) issued the following statement on the death of former Congressman Henry Hyde:

**“Henry Hyde was a legislative hero to many people, including myself. My thoughts and prayers go out to Mr. Hyde’s family,”** Congressman Pitts said. **“Representative Hyde was many things, including a constitutional scholar, a historian, a deliberative legislator, and a gifted orator. In my mind, he will be remembered as a man of principle who stood for liberty, justice, and, above all, respect for life. Henry Hyde was a true statesman.”**

### Background

Born in 1924, Rep. Henry Hyde (R-IL) served the 6th District of Illinois in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975 through 2006, serving on the House Judiciary Committee throughout his entire time in Congress. He chaired the Judiciary Committee from 1995 to 2001 and also served as Chairman of the House International Relations Committee from 2001 until his retirement last year. On November 5, President Bush awarded Rep. Hyde the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the very highest honor the President can bestow on an American citizen.

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