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Senator Reed Receives wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award

Washington, DC (March 5, 2008) – The Water Systems Council (WSC) honored U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) with the 2008 WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award during its Spring Meeting, held February 26- 29 in Washington, D.C. Senator Reed, who is, himself, a private well owner, commended WSC members for the efforts to bring their message and expertise to members of Congress.

"As someone who relies on a household well, I am honored to accept this award. Clean drinking water is a vital part of our daily lives, and I commend the Water Systems Council for its efforts to ensure the safety of Americans' water supply," said Reed, a member of the Appropriations Committee. "Contamination of drinking water sources remains a serious problem throughout the U.S., and we must be vigilant in protecting our water resources. It is imperative that we protect our groundwater resources by being responsible in our homes and at our businesses."

"Water Systems Council is pleased to recognize Senator Reed's commitment to protecting the drinking water supplies of household well owners nationwide and in Rhode Island," said WSC President Gerry Duggan. "The wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award acknowledges his efforts and expresses our appreciation on behalf of the 160,000 well owners in Rhode Island."

The WSC wellcare® Congressional Leadership Award is given annually to Congressional members who have shown exemplary commitment to wellowners and groundwater protection.

WSC is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the wider use of wells as modern and affordable safe drinking water systems and to protecting ground water resources nationwide. It is the only national organization solely focused on individual water wells and other private well-based water systems.



Above: Senator Reed (right) poses with WSC President Gerry Duggan, after receiving the 2008 wellcare® Leadership Award.

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