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Washington, D.C. - The website of Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo (D-Palo Alto) was singled out today by the Congressional Management Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan management consulting and research organization in Washington, D.C., for being one of the best in Congress.

Of the 438 House Member Web sites analyzed, Eshoo's website was judged to be in the top 10.

Eshoo's Web site (<http://eshoo.house.gov/>), was one of 618 evaluated in The 2007 Gold Mouse Report: Lessons from the Best Web Sites on Capitol Hill which analyzed Web sites of 537 House Members and Senators, 68 Committee sites, and 13 Leadership sites.

"Today more than ever the Internet is used as the primary tool for millions of Americans to access information," Eshoo said. "As a member of Congress, it's important to provide a website that serves my constituents with timely information and a convenient way to contact me with questions or concerns. I'm proud that the Congressional Management Foundation has judged my website to be one of the best in Congress. My constituents certainly deserve the best."

The Gold Mouse Report and Awards are part of the Congressional Management Foundation's broader research project "Connecting to Congress" funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation. For this project CMF partnered with researchers from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, University of California-Riverside and Ohio State University to study how Members of Congress can use the Internet to improve communications with their constituents and to promote greater participation in the legislative process.

Websites were graded on how well they incorporate five basic building blocks that extensive research has identified as critical for effectiveness: audience, content, usability, interactivity, and innovation. Using these building blocks, an evaluation framework was developed by CMF and their research partners at Harvard, Ohio State, and the University of California-Riverside that would be fair and objective, while still taking into account important qualitative factors that affect a visitor's experience on a Web site.

A full copy of the report, the 2007 Gold Mouse Report: Lessons from the Best Web Sites on Capitol Hill, is available on the Congressional Management Foundation's Web site at www.cmfweb.org.

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