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CONGRESSMAN HONDA TO BE HONORED AT SUPERIOR COURT EVENT

United States Congressman Michael Honda (D-Calif.) will be honored for his leadership in establishing federal funding for Repeat Offender DUI Drug Courts at a reception to be held February 22, 2006 at the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. This event will take place in conjunction with graduation ceremonies for the Drug Treatment and Mental Health Treatment Courts at the Historic Courthouse, 161 North First Street, San Jose, California, 95113.

Congressman Honda has played a leadership role in a pioneering effort to provide alcohol abuse treatment, testing and strict accountability for individuals facing the legal consequences of repeat drunk driving convictions. The Santa Clara County Drug Treatment and Mental Health Treatment Courts are examples of specialized courts which are designed to reduce recidivism among the target populations and to promote public safety. Congressman Honda's efforts have enabled court systems to apply for federal funding to help cover the cost of such programs, which have been shown to be an effective tool in reducing repeat DUI offenses.

The reception will take place on Wednesday, February 22 at 3:30 P. M. in the Historic Courthouse, to be followed by the graduation ceremonies at 4:30 P. M. and presentation of the award to Congressman Honda by Judge Karen Freeman-Wilson, President of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, Washington, D.C.