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DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE HONORS SENATOR BAYH FOR HIS SERVICE

Director Clapper Awards the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal

Washington, D.C. – Sen. Birch Evans "Evan" Bayh III received the National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal from Director of National Intelligence James R. Clapper in a Capitol Hill ceremony.

Director Clapper recognized Sen. Bayh for his tireless efforts as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to provide the Intelligence Community with the authorities and resources necessary to protect America, and for his commitment to service members, military families and veterans as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

“As a member of both the Senate Intelligence and Armed Services Committees, Sen. Bayh has been instrumental in providing crucial legislative support to the dedicated men and women of our national security team,” Clapper said. “His enduring commitment to the Intelligence Community and the war fighter are deeply appreciated and I thank him for his service.”

“It is a special responsibility to oversee the work of the brave men and women of the nation’s intelligence services,” Bayh said. “For almost 10 years, I have been privileged to witness behind the closed doors of the Senate Intelligence Committee’s hearing room Senators on both sides of the aisle questioning, probing, and pushing with one goal: to help our intelligence officers do their jobs to the best of their ability and to keep America safe. We are also privy to the numerous successes of our intelligence agencies that protect this nation. While I cannot always discuss these achievements, I am always cognizant of the talent, the commitment, and the sacrifice of the brave men and women of the Intelligence Community. You are the tip of the spear, and I thank you for what you do each and every day.”

Key Background

The National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal is the highest award that can be granted to non-career Federal employees, private citizens or others who have performed distinguished service of exceptional significance to the Intelligence Community. The DNI established the award on Oct. 1, 2008, to acknowledge individuals who rendered extraordinary service at considerable personal sacrifice and who were motivated by patriotism, good citizenship or a sense of public responsibility.

Sen. Bayh has been a member of the SSCI since the 107th Congress in 2001, and a member of the SASC since the 108th Congress in 2003. He is retiring in January after serving twelve years in the Senate.

The Director of National Intelligence leads intelligence integration across the 16 federal organizations that make up the Intelligence Community. The DNI also manages the implementation of the National Intelligence Program. Additionally, the DNI serves as the principal adviser to the president and the National Security Council on intelligence issues related to national security.

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