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Baddour receives Outstanding Leadership Award from National MS Society
Senator Baddour recognized for leading efforts in making public transportation more accessible

BOSTON, MA- May 15, 2007 – Senator Steven A. Baddour was recognized today with an Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his commitment to removing transportation barriers to enable full integration of adults with disabilities into their communities.

“I am honored and very proud of this award,” said Baddour. “As chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation, I have taken my role in providing high quality, accessible public transportation to the disability community very seriously. We all have a responsibility to make sure that everyone has the ability to be a fully functioning member of their community, and I am committed to continuing the fight to make sure that public transportation does not prohibit that goal.”

Advocates for the National MS Society were at the State House today to lobby for their cause and present awards to Senator Baddour and to Connie Carvelli of Sudbury, MA for Outstanding Youth Leadership.

Multiple Sclerosis affects over 400,000 individuals throughout the United States, and over 11,000 in Massachusetts. Access to transportation is vital to independence and affects every aspect of life, from employment to health care to involvement in community life.

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