



Biological Ecological Sciences Coalition



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Representative Price is CoFARM/BESC 2004 Award Recipient

Two Washington, DC-based science coalitions today honored Congressman David Price (D-NC) for his dedication to scientific research and education. The Biological and Ecological Sciences Coalition (BESC) promotes federal support of the non-medical biological sciences. The Coalition on Funding Agricultural Research Missions (CoFARM) focuses on the advancement of agricultural research.

Dr. John Havlin of North Carolina State University and member of CoFARM presented Dr. Price with the award. "CoFARM and BESC recognize and thank you for your dedication to science," said Dr. Havlin.

Representative Price has been a tireless supporter of increased federal funding for scientific and environmental research. He serves on the Appropriations Committee and its Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies Subcommittee, where he has worked in support of strong funding for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and for the National Science Foundation (NSF), the primary funding agency for environmental biology.

Mr. Price has also been a strong supporter of agricultural research, and has fought for increased funding for the National Research Initiative, the Agricultural Research Service, and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service. He secured the federal funding that established North Carolina State University's Animal and Poultry Waste Management Center and over \$4 million for the Center's research activities. Mr. Price has also focused on providing additional resources for environmental and ecological research, making possible a research partnership between EPA and North Carolina Central University to determine pollutant exposures and risks in minority and disadvantaged communities. Mr. Price was also the primary House sponsor of legislation that established the Advanced Technological Education program at NSF.

Representative Price holds a Ph.D. in political science and taught at Duke University before serving in Congress. He is the author of four books on the American political process, and received numerous public service awards.

The BESC/CoFARM reception honoring Rep. Price is part of a two-day Congressional Visits Day event to raise awareness on Capitol Hill about agricultural and environmental research. Fifty scientists from around the nation are participating in the event.

Since 1990, the Coalition on Funding Agricultural Research Missions (CoFARM) has represented over 130,000 individuals from scientific and professional organizations, united by a commitment to advance and sustain investment in the nation's fundamental and applied agricultural research.

Formed in 2002, the Biological Ecological Sciences Coalition (BESC) is an alliance of organizations united to support national investment in the non-medical biological sciences across all federal agencies.