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**PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC SERVICE APPLAUDS REPS.
DAVID PRICE AND MICHAEL CASTLE FOR INTRODUCING THE
“ROOSEVELT SCHOLARS ACT OF 2009”**

WASHINGTON – Partnership for Public Service President and CEO Max Stier released the following statement commending Reps. David Price (D-NC) and Michael Castle (R-DE) for introducing the *Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2009*, legislation that creates an elite graduate school scholarship program with a unique payback – a commitment to serve our country in mission-critical federal jobs.

“We applaud Representatives Price and Castle for their leadership in introducing the *Roosevelt Scholars Act of 2009*. In the coming years, the federal government needs to fill more than 200,000 mission-critical jobs. Similar to the military’s largely successful ROTC program, *Roosevelt Scholars* will help make federal service a more affordable and attractive career option for our nation’s top talent. It also helps our government build and improve the caliber of the federal workforce.”

The *Roosevelt Scholars Act* will establish a small nonprofit foundation to manage the scholarship program and award scholarships to graduate students. Recipients will receive tuition, support for room and board, and a small stipend for each year they are enrolled in graduate degree programs consistent with a list of approved mission-critical occupations such as law, security and enforcement, public health, science, engineering and accounting. Upon graduation, *Roosevelt Scholars* will be required to spend three to five years working in the federal civil service.

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