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## Ocean Champions Endorses Ed Case For Hawaii's District Seat in the House of Representatives *Former Congressman Has a History of Ocean Conservation*

March 29, 2010 – Ocean Champions, which works to build political power for the oceans by helping to elect pro-ocean candidates for the U.S. Congress is proud to announce its endorsement of Ed Case in the special election for Hawaii's first Congressional district seat.

"Ed Case is a true champion. When he was in Congress from 2003 to 2007 he introduced legislation to prevent invasive marine species and to restrict trade in sensitive coral." said David Wilmot, Ph.D., Ocean Champions' President and Co-Founder. "He understands how important healthy oceans are to Hawaii's economy and will work to protect them."

In addition, Mr. Case was a major player behind the establishment of the Northwest Hawaiian Islands National Marine Monument, which is the largest marine monument in the world (nearly 140,000 square miles). He first introduced H.R. 2376 to protect these environmentally sensitive islands, and later worked with the Administration to establish the monument through Presidential Proclamation. This demonstrates Mr. Case's commitment to healthy oceans, his effectiveness, and his ability to work in bi-partisan cooperation to get things done.

Mr. Case believes that clean air and water are essential not only for the species we protect, but also for long-term economic health. As he says, "Our oceans stand on the forgotten frontlines of global environmental conservation. Too easily ignored, too absorptive of individual harm, their ability to sustain life on our planet is under accelerating cumulative threat. I remain committed to building the critical mass of support and protection it'll take to ensure healthy, productive oceans for all generations after ours." We believe that commitment like this will enable Mr. Case to become a Congressional leader on ocean health.

*Ocean Champions is the only nonprofit political organization that endorses pro-ocean Congressional candidates and lobbies members of Congress on behalf of the oceans. To learn more about Ocean Champions or any of the candidates endorsed by Ocean Champions, visit [www.oceanchampions.org](http://www.oceanchampions.org).*

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