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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Receives 2006 California State Association of Counties Distinguished Service Award

ANAHEIM, CA -- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today received the 2006 CSAC Distinguished Service Award. The award is presented to leaders who have guided significant public policy decisions during the year on behalf of county governments. Secretary McPherson is being honored for his leadership in passing AB 1634 (McCarthy), which reimbursed counties the \$38 million dollars incurred due to the 2005 Special Election.

"I am honored to receive this award from local government officials," Secretary McPherson said. "During my tenure as Secretary of State, I worked hard to restore relationships with county governments and to fight for them here in Sacramento. California is a great state thanks to the hard work and dedication of local government officials who are some of our greatest public servants."

During the 2006 Legislative Session Secretary McPherson led the effort to reimburse counties for costs related to the 2005 Special Election. When the Special Election was called, Secretary McPherson recommended the proclamation include language to reimburse county government for costs incurred. Later, he sponsored AB 1634 (McCarthy), which was eventually passed by both houses of the legislature and signed by the Governor. AB 1634 was the last bill passed by the legislature in 2006.

As Secretary of State, Bruce McPherson was the first statewide official in over 20 years to visit all 58 counties in California.

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