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**The Science Coalition Honors Representative Brad Miller (D-NC) for
Commitment to Maintaining America's Leadership in Basic Research**

The Science Coalition today gave Congressman Brad Miller its "Champion of Science" award in recognition of his strong commitment and continued advocacy for basic research funding. "Representing North Carolina's Research Triangle, Congressman Miller has been a leader in supporting basic research funding," said James Oblinger, Chancellor of North Carolina State University. "He understands that basic research is an investment that drives our economy and helps us compete in the global marketplace." Accompanied by previous Champion of Science award winners, Representatives Bob Etheridge (D-NC) and David Price (D-NC), Oblinger presented the award at a pre-game program of NC State University's home basketball game against the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Throughout his career as a North Carolina state and federal legislator, Congressman Miller has been an advocate for innovation and research in alternative energy. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight of the Science and Technology Committee, Mr. Miller has led investigations into scientific research fraud and waste and has called for scientific integrity among all government agencies.

The Science Coalition works to expand and strengthen the federal government's investment in university-based scientific, medical, engineering and agricultural research. Sustained support for research across the entire range of scientific disciplines is the most important step the nation can take to maintain America's position at the forefront of scientific discovery, technological innovation, and economic growth in the 21st century.

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***The Science Coalition, a non-profit organization representing 47 of the nation's leading public and private research universities. The Science Coalition is dedicated to sustaining the federal government's commitment to U.S. leadership in basic science. For more information visit:
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