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CHICAGO — The American Dental Association (ADA) will award Rep. Mike Simpson, D.M.D., with the ADA Distinguished Service Award at the [ADA FDI World Dental Congress 2019](#) in San Francisco. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor given by the ADA Board of Trustees.

Formerly a practicing dentist, Rep. Simpson is serving his eleventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Idaho's 2nd Congressional District.

"As the longest serving dentist member of Congress, Mike Simpson has been a friend of dentistry, and the patients we serve, for decades," said Jeffrey M. Cole, D.D.S., M.B.A., ADA president. "His leadership efforts in Congress to help pass the Action for Dental Health Act will provide access to federal funding for projects that strengthen the safety net and help eliminate barriers to care like Mission of Mercy and emergency room referral programs. With his work on the House Appropriations Committee and the respect he has in the House as a leader who can work with everyone, he has been instrumental in seeing that

the oral health programs that benefit patients across the country are funded. Our profession owes a great deal of gratitude to Mike for all he has been able to accomplish."

Rep. Simpson said he's honored to receive the ADA Distinguished Service Award.

"I've always taken a lot of pride in being a dentist," Rep. Simpson said. "During my time in Congress, I have tried to use my platform to help dentists and the patients they serve. I want to thank the ADA for recognizing me with this special award."

About the ADA

The not-for-profit ADA is the nation's largest dental association, representing 163,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive. The ADA Seal of Acceptance long has been a valuable and respected guide to consumer dental care products. The monthly The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) is the ADA's flagship publication and the best-read scientific journal in dentistry. For more information about the ADA, visit ADA.org. For more information on oral health, including prevention, care and treatment of dental disease, visit the ADA's consumer website MouthHealthy.org.

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