AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY
AWARDS SENATOR TED W. LIEU
THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

SAN DIEGO (MARCH 16, 2012) – The American Academy of Dermatology (Academy) will honor California State Senator Ted W. Lieu (D-Torrance) with its Distinguished Service Award during its 70th Annual Meeting in San Diego.

The award recognizes non-physicians who have advanced the goals of the Academy through efforts that are beyond the ordinary and added something of distinct and unusual value to the Academy. In the 20 years of its existence, the award previously has been bestowed only eight times.

Sen. Lieu is recognized for his work to pass California’s landmark indoor tanning law, which prohibits indoor tanning for those 18 years and younger. This is the most restrictive state indoor tanning law in the country. Sen. Lieu wrote the bill and advocated for its passage.

“Evidence from several studies has shown that exposure to UV radiation from indoor tanning devices is associated with an increased risk of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, and non-melanoma skin cancer, such as squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma,” said Ronald L. Moy, MD, FAAD, president of the American Academy of Dermatology. “Sen. Lieu’s efforts will help reduce the incidence of skin cancer in the future by protecting youth from the dangers of indoor tanning today. We hope this legislation serves as a catalyst and model for other states to protect the health of our nation.”


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