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Statement of CSPC President and CEO Glenn Nye on the passing of Senator John Warner:

Our nation lost a true statesman with the passing of Senator John Warner, who dedicated a lifetime of service to his country and to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Senator Warner embodied the kind of pragmatic, bridge-building leadership all too rare in politics these days, and set an example for a generation to emulate. He earned the respect of public servants on both sides of the aisle in Virginia, while he helped steward the military affairs of the country.

John Warner was the first Republican office-holder I consulted after my election to Congress in 2008 and he was tremendously gracious in his advice on how to successfully bring people together to better the lives of the people we represented.

Senator Warner was the recipient of CSPC Publius Award for statesmanship in 2008. During the award event, he insisted on taking the time to shake the hand of every single student of the CSPC Presidential Fellows Program, as he imparted his advice about how to incorporate service into their lives. His attention to policy and to the people he served will be part of a lasting legacy.

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