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*Stockton, Calif.* – Today, Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Stockton) was awarded the Motomu Nakasako Legislator of the Year Award by the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers (CACVSO).

“I am honored to receive this prestigious award. Fighting for our nation’s veterans has always been a passion of mine. It is a responsibility I take very seriously. I thank the County VSOs for this distinction,” said Rep. McNerney.

The award recognizes McNerney’s support of veterans, veterans’ issues and of CACVSO. Specifically, CACVSO recognized McNerney’s efforts to bring a new VA facility to San Joaquin County, helping pass the Veterans Caregiver Omnibus Bill, and supporting state funding for veterans service officers.

“This award recognizes the Congressman’s ongoing service to veterans as well as his support for the county veterans services offices. His efforts on behalf of San Joaquin veterans and his support for the veterans’ clinic in French Camp are unparalleled,” said Ron Green, Veterans Service Officer of San Joaquin County.

The Motomu Nakasako Award is named after Motomu Nakasako, a former Los Angeles County CVSO who was constantly involved in legislation affecting veterans at the local, state, and federal levels. He was a decorated member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, one of the most decorated, all Japanese-American units. Nakasako’s family was interred in Heart Mountain Wyoming, from where he joined the Army volunteering for combat duty.

The CACVSO was established after World War II to provide services to returning veterans. County veterans service officers help veterans to access their benefits, providing service to California’s two million veterans and their dependents and family members.