**WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (D-MD) released the following statement today on the passing of former Senator Charles "Mac" Mathias of Maryland:**

"It was with real sadness that I learned today of the death of Senator Charles ‘Mac' Mathias.  Senator Mathias served our state and his nation well, in a long and distinguished career.  He was a man of principle, moderation, judgment, and compassion.  His support of protecting the environment and supporting the needs of working people were hallmarks of his career and life.  His example of integrity and service is one we should all emulate.  His constructive and positive approach to facing the issues confronting our country is too often missed today. He will be greatly missed and long remembered."

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