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**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY RECOGNIZES KEVIN MCAVOY AS
OUTSTANDING CONNECTICUT LEADER**

Shelton, CT- November 29, 2008-The National Multiple Sclerosis Society has named Kevin McAvoy among their Outstanding Connecticut Leaders for 2008. McAvoy is currently a Financial Planner and Financial Services Representative with Barnum Financial Group, an office of MetLife, headquartered in Shelton.

Six thousand individuals in Connecticut are diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society applauds McAvoy for his work with special needs organizations. He has been recognized, along with five other honorees, for his contribution to the quality life in his local community. His commitment to his work and community has been recognized by his peers and led to his nomination as an Outstanding Connecticut Leader.

McAvoy has utilized his experience in providing business and financial advice to assist local organizations serving the special needs community. McAvoy's leadership has led to the creation of a girls' high school lacrosse team and a new football stadium.

In 2007 McAvoy was recognized by MetDESK®, MetLife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids, as the MetDesk Financial Planner of the Year for his outstanding contributions to the special needs community.

As a father of children with special needs and a resident of a state that has over 393,000 disabled men and women over the age of five, Kevin understands the challenges and blessings that face the special needs community.

About MetDESK®

MetDESK, MetLife's Division of Estate Planning for Special Kids launched in 1998, is one of the first programs of its kind in the financial industry, and is a program that focuses on the concerns of families with children or dependents with special needs. For more information about MetDESK, visit the MetDESK Web site at www.metlife.com/desk.

MetDESK Specialists can help families address critical issues, including how to protect future government eligibility and ways in which a special needs trust can provide lifetime care. Any insurance or other financial products which may be needed to support the family's plans can be obtained through the MetDESK Specialist.

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