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**Appriss founder to be honored by U.S. House members**  
*Mike Davis receives Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus award*

*Louisville, Ky.* — Mike Davis, president and co-founder of Appriss, will be honored with a national award for his role in the creation of VINE→ (Victim Information and Notification Everyday), a free, anonymous service that notifies victims about the custody status of offenders in jail or prison.

Davis will receive the Allied Professional Award from the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus in Washington, DC at an April 22 awards ceremony. Rep. John Yarmuth (KY-03) nominated Davis for his "leadership, creativity, and commitment to improving the plight of crime victims in our Nation." Davis and his business partner, Yung Nguyen, worked with Jefferson County officials to introduce VINE in 1994 after the murder of a local woman, Mary Byron, by her former boyfriend who had been released from jail without her knowledge.

Today, more than 2,000 communities in 46 states are using VINE to provide crime victims and other concerned citizens with timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day — over the telephone, through the Internet, or by e-mail. Since VINE launched, the system has delivered phone notifications for more than four million victim events.

Prior to VINE, crime victims typically learned about their offenders' release when they saw them back on the streets. Despite victim notification laws in all 50 states and at the Federal levels, the implementation of this core victims' right was difficult to enforce, and often neglected by criminal justice agencies.

"(Davis) saw a crucial need of crime victims and those who serve them, and met it with his knowledge of technology and his vision of how additional victims' needs could be met through innovation and automation," Yarmuth wrote in his nomination of Davis. "Without his leadership and dedication, countless victims would be without information, without notification, and without the sense of personal safety that VINE offers them."

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In addition to his role with VINE, Davis was instrumental in launching the Mary Byron Project — a public non-profit organization that seeks to end domestic and dating violence nationwide. Under his direction, Appriss has contributed more than \$1 million in funding to the Mary Byron Project since 2000. He also created Appriss Cares, a company-wide outreach, charitable giving, and volunteer program aimed at victims of crime.

“Mike Davis is an entrepreneur, a visionary, and a remarkable leader,” said Pat Byron, president of the Mary Byron Project. “Yet he is also a true victim advocate for whom the rights and needs of crime victims and survivors are the driving force behind his leadership and decision-making.”

The Allied Professional Award is one of five given by the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus each year. Individuals and organizations must be nominated by a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

#### **About Appriss**

Appriss provides innovative technology solutions that help thousands of local, state, and Federal government agencies serve and protect their citizens. In addition to VINE, other innovative services offered by Appriss include VINE Protective Order®, which automatically notifies petitioners when protective orders are served on respondents; JusticeXchange®, the leading solution connecting criminal justice agencies nationwide; and MethCheck®, an online tool that allows law enforcement to monitor the purchases of pseudoephedrine, a key component in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

#### **About the Congressional Victims Rights Caucus**

The bipartisan Congressional Victim’s Rights Caucus was formed to be an advocate and voice for victims of all types of crime in Congress. Consisting of 46 members, the Caucus was founded in 2005 by Rep. Ted Poe (TX-02) and Rep. Jim Costa (CA-20), who today serve as its co-chairs. Member of the Caucus took the lead in protecting programs that provide critical financial support for victim services throughout the nation, including the Victims of Crime Act and Violence Against Women’s Act. The Caucus was also instrumental in the enactment of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.

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