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## **Resolution Calls for Strict Enforcement of Existing Immigration Laws**

Congressman Miller this week joined his House colleagues in cosponsoring a resolution that calls for stronger border security and an end to illegal immigration by rigorously enforcing the existing laws of the United States. The resolution urges the Administration to prohibit banks from accepting matricula consular cards, enforce employer sanctions, prosecute anyone caught smuggling immigrants across the border, and build over 700 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border. As Congress debates immigration reform, Congressman Miller will continue to demand increased interior enforcement and improved border security while vigorously opposing any form of amnesty for illegal immigrants.

## **House Approves Changes to Visa Rules**

On Thursday, the House passed several strong immigration provisions during consideration of the Fiscal Year 2008 Department of State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill. One amendment eliminates funding for the diversity visa lottery program. This program circumvents the normal visa rules by awarding visas to illegal aliens and other applicants who lack a sponsoring family member or employer. Importantly, a provision was also added to prevent the State Department from issuing foreign aid and visas to countries that refuse to extradite individuals indicted for killing American law enforcement officers. This provision was inspired by the 2002 death of Deputy David March, a seven-year veteran of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department who was brutally murdered by an illegal alien that fled to Mexico to avoid prosecution. Congressman Miller strongly supported these crucial efforts to tighten loopholes and remove incentives for illegal aliens to violate our laws.

## **Congressman Miller Continues to Urge for Improved Passport Processing**

Congressman Miller joined his colleagues from the California congressional delegation this week in sending a letter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice asking her to address the recent delays in passport processing. These delays stem from new rules that took effect in January under which U.S. citizens traveling by air from Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean were required to present a valid passport to gain reentry into the country. With the summer travel months approaching, the number of passport applications dramatically exceeded expectations, forcing the State Department to temporarily suspend the rule. In the coming months, as the State Department works to ease the application backlog, Congressman Miller will continue working to ensure U.S. citizens are able to obtain passports quickly without compromising our national security.

## **Reception Held to Honor Military Academy Nominees**

On Saturday, Congressman Miller will host a reception for ten high school graduates he nominated to attend our nation's prestigious military academies this coming year. Enrolling at the *U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY* will be Kyle Ditonto of Yorba Linda, Marc Orozco of Chino Hills, and David Zhang of Diamond Bar. Headed to the *U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD* are Anthony Hizon of Anaheim, Christopher Lee of Yorba Linda, Theresa Nafis of Chino, and Rishi Shah of Yorba Linda. Attending the *U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO* will be Richard Hurst of Yorba Linda, Joseph Kerhin of Brea, and Sophia Nguyen of Anaheim. Congressman Miller would like to offer every one of these dedicated individuals his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for continued success.