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For Opinion Shapers and Policy Makers

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House Votes to Halt Mexican Trucking Program

Last September, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the start of a pilot program to allow Mexican trucks to have access to all U.S. roads and recently extended the program for two years. This week, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted for the fourth time to halt the Mexican Trucking Program. In addition to raising concerns about safety hazards and increased congestion, Congressman Miller has expressed concerns that the program would permit Mexican truck drivers into our country without appropriate safeguards in place to ensure they comply with homeland security and immigration laws. Congressman Miller will continue to work to keep our roads and communities safe.

Congressman Miller Cosponsors the Common Sense English Act

Congressman Miller this week cosponsored legislation to allow employers to establish English-only requirements for their employees. Currently, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is pursuing a lawsuit against the Salvation Army for implementing an "English in the Workplace" policy which gives employees a year to learn the English language. The bill, the Common Sense English Act, is intended to prevent frivolous lawsuits such as the EEOC's lawsuit against the Salvation Army. Congressman Miller believes firmly that employers should be able to set their own hiring practices, including requiring that their employees speak English. He is proud to cosponsor this common sense proposal and will continue to advocate for policies that ensure our country is unified under the English language.

America Remembers Seventh Anniversary of 9/11

This week, Americans paused and remembered the heroes of September 11, 2001. On that day seven years ago, the strength of our nation was challenged and our resolve tested. The gallant actions of our fellow Americans showcased the resilience of our spirit and reinforced our ideals of life, liberty, and democracy. To pay tribute to the memory of 9/11, the House unanimously passed a resolution this Thursday to reaffirm that the American people will never forget the sacrifices made on and since September 11, 2001. Congressman Miller honors the brave actions of all of our servicemembers during the War on Terror. Day in and day out, our military forces are making significant progress in weeding out violence and extremism, promoting peace, and training domestic security forces. Their actions have safeguarded life, liberty, and democracy for all Americans and prevented fear and violence from taking hold in America. Through our shared determination, spirit, and embrace of democratic values, he is confident that we will defeat those who attacked our nation.

Yorba Linda Couple Honored as Angels in Adoption

Congressman Miller is honored to nominate Timothy and Yvette Lloyd as his 2008 Angels in Adoption. The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute each year administers the Angels in Adoption program which allows Members of Congress to honor the good work of one family in their district who has enriched the lives of foster children or orphans. After the birth of their son, the Lloyds' involvement at church and in their community led them to consider adoption. The Lloyds eventually adopted two children and are now a happy and thriving family of five. Congressman Miller commends Tim and Yvette for being real Angels in Adoption. They will be honored in a ceremony at the Angels in Adoption Gala in Washington, DC on September 16, 2008. To nominate an Angel for 2009, please contact his Brea office at (714) 257-1142.

City of Anaheim Celebrates Olympic Gold Medalists

This Saturday, September 13, the City of Anaheim will host a celebration to honor the 2008 Olympic Gold Medal winning USA Men's Volleyball Team. This event is open to the public and will take place at 11:30 AM at the Anaheim GardenWalk at 321 W. Katella Avenue in the City of Anaheim. Players will be signing autographs and parking for this event will be complementary.

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