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CHAIRMAN DAN BURTON APPLAUDS THE OVERWHELMING PASSAGE OF H. CON. RES. 408 -COMMENDS THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA-

(Washington, D.C.) - Today, Congressman Dan Burton [R-IN-05], Chairman of the House International Relation Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, released the following statement on the overwhelming passage of H. Con. Res. 408 by a vote of 409 to 0. The concurrent resolution commended the Government of Canada for its renewed commitment to the Global War on Terror.

"I am very pleased that my colleagues saw fit today to commend the courageous actions of the Canadian Government and determined leadership of Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who successfully lead the debate to extend Canada's peace and security mission in Afghanistan for another two years," stated Burton.

H. Con. Res. 408 was drafted by Congressman Dan Burton following the May 17, 2006 Canadian Parliament vote to extend Canada's peace and security mission in Afghanistan until 2009. Canada's operations were due to expire in 2007.

The concurrent resolution was co-sponsored by Reps. Bass, Bradley, Brown (SC), Buyer, Chabot, Davis, J. (VA), Drake, *Engel*, Fortuño, Franks, Harris, *Higgins*, King (NY), Kuhl, *Lantos*, Mack, Manzullo, McCotter, *McIntyre*, *McNulty*, Miller (MI), Pitts, Ros-Lehtinen, Smith (NJ), Souder, Sterns, Tiahrt, Weldon (PA), Weller, and Wilson (SC). The newly-formed Congressional Friends of Canada Caucus was instrumental in securing sponsors and supporters for the resolution.

"Canada's extension signals the renewed commitment of America's friends and allies in the Global War on Terror. Our friends to the North should be commended and praised for their leadership in the Global War on Terror and thanked their eternal friendship to the United States," continued Congressman Burton.

"My resolution is a small token of appreciation to the Canadian people, who also face the growing threat of al Qaeda-inspired terrorist threats and attacks. Last week's arrests in Canada signal that the United States and her allies can not rest on our laurels in the fight against terror, and we must stay diligent and committed to winning the Global War on Terror," concluded Burton.