Statement of Congressman Wally Herger (CA-2) On the Historic Elections in Iraq December 15, 2005

Congressman Herger made the following statement in response to the elections in Iraq:

"The Iraqi people have once again demonstrated their fervent support for democracy by voting in another historic election. And by voting in large numbers, despite the threat of terrorist violence, they sent a resounding message that they will not be intimidated by terrorists who want to destroy and conquer their country and stop their march toward a free and democratic Iraq.

"America will continue to stand with the Iraqi people as they take further strides toward freedom and stability. I want to commend our brave men and women in uniform who have served and sacrificed in Iraq. They can feel extremely proud of their essential role in bringing about this important moment in Iraq's history. Democratic elections in Iraq represent another step in helping to ensure that our nation will win this critical battle in the War on Terrorism and be safer and more secure as a result."