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Dear Neighbor,

As Congress prepares to adjourn until November, I am pleased to let you know that three of my bills have passed the House.

### **Oxnard's GREAT Program**

The House recently passed my bill to authorize a comprehensive regional water resources development project in Oxnard. My bill allows the Interior Department to cooperate with Oxnard in the design and planning of the Groundwater Recovery Enhancement and Treatment (GREAT) program.

Oxnard's population is growing faster than its ability to provide affordable water supplies, forcing the city to import much of its water. I worked with local officials to support the GREAT program, which includes a new groundwater desalination facility for drinking water, a recycled water system for agricultural users, protection against saltwater contamination, and a wetlands restoration project. I am confident the GREAT program will provide a safe and reliable water supply for Oxnard and the surrounding area.



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### **Piedras Blancas Lighthouse**

I am also pleased to note that the House passed another bill I introduced, the Piedras Blancas Historic Light Station Outstanding Natural Area Act. The historic Piedras Blancas Lighthouse

and the surrounding area draw hundreds of thousands of visitors to San Luis Obispo County's Pacific Coast each year.

This bill would designate the Piedras Blancas Light Station and surrounding area as an Outstanding Natural Area within the Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System. This designation will focus critical attention on restoring the lighthouse and helping to protect the area for future generations. I am also very pleased to recognize the students of Grover Beach Elementary School, who have been raising "pennies for Piedras" to help restore the lighthouse.

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### **PAD Awareness**

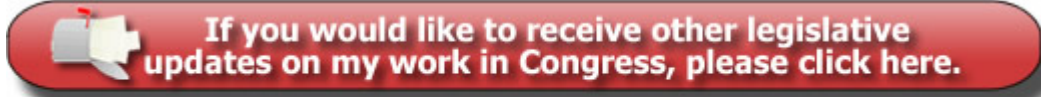
Finally, I am proud to tell you that the House passed my bill to increase awareness of Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD). This common condition, usually caused by atherosclerosis in the legs or in blood vessels leading to the legs, affects 8-12 million Americans, including one in five people older than 70. The most common symptom of PAD is leg pain while walking or exercising. Doctors can diagnose PAD by performing a painless exam, so it is important that the public receives more information about this disease.

While these three bills are very different, I am hopeful that each can play a role in improving the quality of life on the Central and South Coasts. Please feel free to pass along this message to your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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