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Inauguration Day Ticket Requests Closed Overwhelming Demand Outstripped Supply of Tickets

Washington, DC –Congressman Bill Shuster announced today that his office will no longer be able to accept inauguration ticket requests due to an overwhelming demand and a very limited supply of tickets to the swearing-in ceremony.

Up until today, Congressman Shuster's Washington, DC office was accepting ticket requests from interested constituents on a first come, first serve basis. Shuster's office has been officially notified that President-elect Obama has capped the number of tickets available to each Member of Congress at 198. Over the past two weeks, Shuster's office has received over 600 ticket requests.

Congressional tickets will not be distributed to Members' offices until the week before the inauguration. Tickets cannot be mailed and will require an in-person pick-up at Congressman Shuster's Washington, DC office.

For individuals still interested in taking part in this historic event, Congressman Shuster encourages his constituents to visit the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies at http://inaugural.senate.gov/2009/index.cfm.

In addition, Congressman Shuster strongly cautions his constituents to be wary of anyone who says they have inaugural tickets for sale. No Internet reseller or any other commercial enterprise can sell these tickets. Anyone stating otherwise should be avoided.