****MEDIA ADVISORY**** Congressman Ron Paul to Host John Paul Woodley Jr, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Wednesday August 30th and Thursday August 31st

August 23, 2006

Wednesday, August 30th: 9:00 AM Port of Victoria 11:00 AM Port of Pt. Comfort/Pt. Lavaca 2:00 PM Palacios 4:00 PM Port of Bay City/ Mouth of Colorado River

Thursday, August 31st: 8:00 AM Port of Freeport 10:30 AM San Bernard River 2:30 PM Port of Galveston 4:30 PM Port of Texas City

Secretary Woodley oversees the Army's Civil Works program, including programs for conservation, development of the nation's water and wetland resources, flood control, navigation, and shore protection. He will tour ports, beaches, rivers, and other sites where federal funds are needed for a variety of projects.

Paul is working with congressional appropriators, the Interior Department, the Army Corps of Engineers, and federal agencies to secure funding for several engineering projects in the 14th district, including the following:

- dredging, widening, and deepening the Texas City ship channel;
- combating beach erosion in Surfside Beach and on Galveston Island;
- reopening the mouth of the San Bernard river, made worse by Hurricane Rita;

- dredging the mouth of the Colorado River; and
- ongoing cleanup of several beaches in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.