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Rep. Shuler Sworn in to 111th Congress Ready to Continue Working for Families of WNC

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Heath Shuler retook the House of Representatives oath of office on Tuesday, January 6th as the 111th Congress officially began.

"There are undoubtedly many challenges facing our nation today and in the weeks and months ahead. However, America's greatness has always come from our ability to meet and overcome any challenge laid before us," said Rep. Shuler. "As we begin the 111th Congress, I am confident that today's challenges are tomorrow's opportunities. We must put aside partisan differences and do what is right for America to stabilize our economy, create jobs, and protect American families."

Rep. Shuler's committee membership will not change in the 111th Congress. He remains the Chairman of the Small Business Committee's Subcommittee on Rural and Urban Entrepreneurship. Additionally, he will continue to serve on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and the Natural Resources Committee.

No longer being a freshmen member of Congress does hold another distinct advantage – a greatly improved office. During his first term Rep. Shuler had an office on the fifth floor of the Cannon Building, which is often referred to as the "Freshmen Hall." The fifth floor was added on after the Cannon Building's construction and cannot be reached by many of the building's elevators, making it difficult for visitors to find.

Rep. Shuler's new office is now located on the fourth floor of the Cannon Building -- a move that is only a few hundred feet in actual distance, but miles ahead in accessibility.

The phone number for the D.C. office remains 202-225-6401 and contact information for all district offices remains unchanged.