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Dear Friends,

I would like to begin by wishing a happy Father's Day to all of the fathers in District Ten. As a proud father of five children, I look forward to spending Father's Day with my family back home.

#### **Iran resolution**

For days, hundreds of thousands of dissidents have taken to the streets of Iran in support of freedom and democracy. I supported the joint resolution offered by Congressman Pence and Congressman Berman to give voice to countless Americans who stand with the Iranian dissidents as they stand up for freedom.

#### **Impeachment of Former Federal Judge**

On Friday, I voted with my colleagues in the House to impeach former federal Judge Samuel Kent, who previously served in Galveston and Houston as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. On May 11, 2009, Judge Kent was sentenced to 33 months in prison in a sexual abuse case for lying to investigators about repeatedly sexually abusing two female employees of his office and obstructing justice. Impeachment of Judge Kent was necessary so that he could not continue to collect his taxpayer funded salary of \$174,000 from prison while claiming a disability. A vote to impeach Judge Kent was also necessary in order to restore public confidence in the judiciary system, which Judge Kent eroded through his inexcusable actions.

#### **Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations**

This week, the House passed H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010 by a vote of 259 - 157. I offered an amendment to this bill which would ban federal funding for programs and projects named after current, sitting Members of Congress. The American people are outraged by the waste and abuse they see in Congressional earmarks. One of the most egregious of these practices is Members using taxpayer money to name the projects after themselves. Unfortunately, the majority would not allow my amendment to be heard on the House floor.

Please click [here](#) to listen to my remarks on the House floor about my amendment.

An amendment I supported to prevent bringing GTMO terrorists to the United States was also voted down along with an amendment to prohibit reading Miranda rights to terrorists on the battlefield.

Of great concern to me, this bill increases overall funding by 12% at a time when

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families are cutting their budgets. One of the worthy projects in the bill, NASA's manned space flight budget, was cut by over \$500 million. This will cause jobs losses for people working on these programs, many of whom live in the 10<sup>th</sup> district, and delay the Constellation program, forcing us to rely on the Russians longer to get our astronauts to the International Space Station. For these reasons, I voted against this legislation.

Click [here](#) to see my remarks on reading Miranda rights to terrorists on the battlefield.

### **FY 2009 Supplemental Conference Report**

On Tuesday, the House passed the FY2009 Supplemental Conference Report. I voted against this legislation because of the \$108 billion "global bailout" in loans for the IMF. This "global bailout" will require the federal government to borrow money to then lend it to the IMF at a time when we have record deficits.

This funding could potentially fall in to the hands of terrorist organizations, like Hezbollah and Hamas and countries like Iran and Venezuela. Finally, the conference report does not include language in the Senate-passed bill to prevent the release of detainee photos.



Congressman McCaul met with winners of the Texas Electric Cooperative Speech/Essay Contest, Dylan Wright & Jonathan Spiess, Industry, TX.



Congressman McCaul visited with the Lyssy family from Austin, TX.

### **Employers Wanted for Job Fair**

Congressman McCaul will be hosting a Job Fair in August and is looking for employers interested in participating. The Job Fair will feature employers from across the district, state, and nation. If you are an employer looking for workers, please contact our Austin district office at (512) 473-2357 or visit my [website](#) and download the registration form.

### **Hurricane Season: Be Prepared**

Hurricane Season started on June 1. Congressman McCaul hopes to increase awareness and preparedness among his constituents. As we were reminded by Hurricane Ike last September, these storms are one of the greatest weather threats to Texas and citizens need to know the actions they can take to help protect themselves, their families and their property. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has created a hurricane preparedness webpage. The information can be found at [http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu\\_season09.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/hazard/hurricane/hu_season09.shtm)

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael T. McCaul".

Michael T. McCaul  
Member of Congress

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