

News from Chairman

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Chairman Edwards Statement on FY08 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill

(Washington, DC)— U.S. Representative Chet Edwards (TX17) released the following statement in response to comments made by Minority Leader John Boehner regarding the fiscal year 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Bill:

“Mr. Boehner seems to have conveniently forgotten that last year, under his leadership, the Congress let down veterans and our troops by never passing the VA- Military Construction bill. I am proud that under Democratic leadership in Congress this year, we will pass the largest increase in veterans’ healthcare funding in the 77 year history of the Veterans Administration.

“Work on our bill is moving ahead behind the scenes, and I hope it will be sent to the President before Veterans Day.”

Edwards is Chairman of the House Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee