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Herger Strongly Condemns Leak of Classified National Security Programs

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) - Congressman Herger today voted for H. Res. 895, a resolution expressing support for legal intelligence programs to track terrorists and terrorist finances, and denouncing the disclosure and publication of classified national security information. The House passed the resolution by a vote of 227 to 183. Herger also signed a letter to Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, urging him to revoke the congressional press credentials of the New York Times for "repeatedly publish(ing) information detrimental to our national security." A copy of that letter is attached. Herger made the following statement regarding this issue:

"I am outraged by the irresponsibility of a few rogue officials and journalists who undermine our nation's prosecution of the War on Terror by disclosing classified national security information," Herger stated.

"The highly damaging revelations of classified terrorist surveillance programs aid only our enemy. I find it unconscionable that the tag team of irresponsible leakers and journalists do not hesitate to inform our enemies of our tactics, despite the pleas of the Director of National Intelligence, the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission, Administration officials, and congressional leaders.

"Tragically, a few unnamed officials and a few newspapers have recklessly put our troops and nation at risk by revealing secrets to produce a big story rather than keeping secrets to help prevent another deadly attack on our soil. I denounce these actions in the strongest terms, and urge the Justice Department to investigate and enforce all applicable laws," concluded Herger.

To read the letter to Speaker Hastert that Congressman Herger signed urging him to revoke the congressional press credentials of the New York Times, visit <http://www.house.gov/herger/images/SpeakerHastert-NYT-6-29-6.pdf> on the Internet.

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