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## **Lt. Col. BROWN SPEAKS OUT ON NATIONAL SECURITY**

### ***4<sup>th</sup> CD Candidate Calls on Doolittle & GOP Congress to "Get its Priorities Straight"***

Roseville, CA: Last week, CA 04 Democratic Nominee Lt. Col. Charlie Brown invited Rep. John Doolittle to a series of 5 debates on conservative values and the most pressing issues facing the American people—including Iraq, Iran, North Korea, border and port security, corruption in government, runaway deficits, rising gas prices, local infrastructure, land use, and a host of other issues.

John Doolittle, who is under intense scrutiny as the only member of Congress involved in both the Jack Abramoff and Duke Cunningham influence peddling scandals, accepted Brown's offer to debate. In his written response, he cited the issues of gay marriage and the Pledge of Allegiance as the top items on his agenda.

"As Iran/Syria backed terrorism escalates in the middle-east, Iraq (the country we invaded that had no WMD or ties to terrorism) teeters ever closer towards civil war, North Korea continues to perfect its nuclear ballistic missile technology, and America enters its 6th post 9/11 year without Congressional action on border, port, or railway security, I have a message for John Doolittle and this Congress," Brown said. "It's time to get your priorities straight."

Backing up his comments, Brown has recently issued Op-Eds dealing with both national and homeland security issues.

His national security column, entitled "As America Sleeps," was published in the July 22, 2006 edition of the Grass Valley Union. It calls for an end to what Brown termed the "make it up as you go along" security policies of the current administration, outlining strategies for defeating terrorism and dealing with Iran, North Korea, Iraq, and even America's dependence on foreign energy.

*"No wonder our opponents feel emboldened, Brown said. "We attack one country that does not have WMD's. Yet we fail to respond in any meaningful way as two terrorist states acquire nuclear weapons and the ability to deliver them directly to the United States."*

Brown points to the "clear and consistent" approach taken by President Reagan during the Cold War as the model of global leadership that would enable America to defeat terrorism at its roots, eliminate existing terrorist havens, and stop WMD proliferation by rogue regimes.

Brown's Homeland Security Op-Ed was published in the August 2n edition of the Oroville Mercury Register. The former military intelligence pilot was sharply critical of the Administration's failure to implement most of the 9/11 Commission's recommendations on border, port and railway security, the failed emergency response exhibited during Hurricane Katrina, the lack of interoperability between intelligence agencies, and the pork barrel politics that have overtaken DHS spending.

*"Empty rhetoric... does not by itself equal a substantive or coherent national security strategy—and it won't protect our homeland from another attack by an enemy that is determined to kill Americans... the real frontline in the fight to keep America safe is now in Washington – where we must win the war against partisan politics, bureaucratic infighting and misguided priorities in order to make sure that America is safer in the years ahead."*

*Charlie Brown, Lt. Col. Ret spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force. He served as a rescue helicopter pilot at the end of the Vietnam War, and has flown reconnaissance missions in support of military operations around the world. He is also a credentialed California teacher, former professional staff-member at the Roseville Police Department, and Democratic Nominee for Congress in California's 4<sup>th</sup> District*

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