

WASHINGTON- Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today introduced the Teachers at the Table Act of 2009. This bill creates a volunteer teacher advisory committee composed of current or former Teachers of the Year to advise Congress on the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act, and also to serve as a communication avenue between Congress and teachers.

"Since enactment of the national education program 'No Child Left Behind' many questions and concerns have come up about the effectiveness of the legislation," said Congressman Terry. "This proposal will increase understanding and conversation between Congress and our nation's very best educators to reach the mutual goal of achieving greater accountability and success in educating our children."

Members of the committee will be appointed by the Secretary of Education, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the Speakers of the House and the Minority Leader of the House. The committee will represent a diverse geographic, grade-level and academic specialty spectrum.

