

WASHINGTON- Today Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) issued the following statement after the House passed the 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Act, H.R. 2642. This bill provides war funding the Pentagon has requested for the balance of the FY2008.

"Today we find our nation's warriors on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan waging war against an ideology that is committed to denying liberty to people who yearn to live in peace and economic security. Our men and women in uniform have bravely stepped forward to fight for our freedom and the funding provided today is just a small way to thank them for their service. This funding will give our troops the resources needed to make sure the victories they have earned on the battlefield and in building reconciliation among the Iraqi people will be secured," said Congressman Lee Terry.

This measure also includes bridge funding into FY2009 with no policy restrictions on how the funds can be spent. The bill also contains the Webb-GI educational benefits, unemployment insurance benefits extension provision and emergency funding for flood disaster relief in the Midwest and for rebuilding levees in Louisiana.

"This bill was negotiated and on the House floor within 48 hours after Speaker Nancy Pelosi invited the Republican Leadership and the White House into the negotiations. It is truly amazing how quickly Congress can do the right thing when all parties sit down and talk. I just wish Speaker Pelosi would realize that on all issues," said Congressman Terry.

