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Congressman Heath Shuler Chosen for Leadership Role in His First Term

Washington, D.C. – Representative Heath Shuler announced today that he has been chosen to serve as a Deputy At-Large Whip in the 110th Congress by House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-SC). In his leadership role, Rep. Shuler will play a key role in helping pass legislation important to America's working families.

"I am excited and honored to be a part of the team that will be advancing legislation that will help the working families of Western North Carolina and our entire nation," said Shuler. "The agenda I will be advancing as a Deputy At-Large Whip will be pro-family, pro-American worker, and pro-energy independence. I will use this leadership position to make certain that the moderate, common sense views of the people of the 11th District are heard loud and clear here in Congress."

Majority Whip Jim Clyburn said of adding Shuler to his whip team, "When I visited Heath Shuler this fall in North Carolina I saw in him the leadership and dedication needed for an effective whip organization. But even more important is the perspective he brings to our Caucus and to my leadership team. His dedication to mountain values and working families will be critical to our success in delivering an agenda that meets the needs of the American people."

The term "whip" is derived from the British Parliament which adopted the term from the fox-hunting position "whipper-in," the rider who kept the fox hounds gathered together behind their mission. The whip's job in Congress is to gather support for legislation when it comes to the floor for a vote.

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