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Congressman Heath Shuler Stands with Blue Dogs to Demand Fiscal Accountability in Iraq

Washington, D.C. – Representative Heath Shuler stood with fellow members of the fiscally responsible Blue Dog Caucus to demand greater accountability and responsibility regarding spending for the war in Iraq.

In a news conference in the Capitol today, the Blue Dog Coalition announced its plan to introduce a resolution calling for increased fiscal accountability in funding the Iraq war. The resolution focuses on four crucial points for demanding fiscal responsibility in Iraq. The points are: a call for transparency on how Iraq war funds are spent; the creation of a Truman Commission to investigate the awarding of contracts; a need to fund the Iraq war through the normal appropriations process and not through “emergency” supplementals; and using American resources to improve Iraqi assumption of internal policing operations.

“Throughout the war in Iraq Congress has failed to exercise any oversight or accountability over its funding. American taxpayers deserve transparency, accountability, and responsibility over the budgeting of this war. They should know how their money is being spent, and the legislation we introduced today will give them that information,” said Shuler.

“We also should know that the money we are spending is going to fully support our men and women in uniform. With government and media reports showing fraud and waste by contractors in Iraq, our brave fighting men and women deserve this legislation.”

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