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VETPAC Veterans Group Endorses Wyka

Parsippany, October 21—The Council for a Livable World's Veterans' Alliance for Security and Democracy ("CLW-VETPAC") has endorsed Tom Wyka (D, Parsippany) to represent New Jersey's 11th district in the U.S. House of Representatives.

From VETPAC's Web site: "VETPAC is a political action committee formed by American Veterans to promote the principles and values for which members of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserved Forces have served our country, fought and died. Working together with the American People, through VETPAC we are embarked on a new operation, a 'search and rescue' mission. We are searching for national leadership that will help us rescue America's future from policies that threaten our national security, our civil liberties, and our country's economy. We are committed to working for a better future for our Nation and its citizens."

As of October 21, Wyka was one of six non-veterans endorsed by the group for the 2008 election cycle. "We owe our military veterans a debt of service, and my opponent has been trying to renege on that debt," says Wyka. "My opponent got a low score, only 10 out of 15 points, from the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Congressional Report Card in 2008. Nobody in the New Jersey delegation scored lower. He scored far lower than the average Democrat and even worse than the average Republican. He scored low because he voted against healthcare and educational benefits for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. In particular, he voted against the New GI Bill."

Wyka said, "Frelinghuysen's performance on the Disabled American Veterans' agenda was particularly bad. If you look at his voting record, he voted against everything that didn't pass unanimously or nearly so. Our veterans don't need someone who will stand up for them only when everyone else does. They need someone who will stand up when it counts!"

“I’m honored and grateful that VETPAC has endorsed me. When I look at their Web site, I see that we are concerned about the same issues, such as the great strain on our National Guard. VETPAC argues that ‘the Bush Administration and Congressional Republicans’ planning for the care of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan has been as poor as the planning and execution of the wars themselves.’ VETPAC feels that services to veterans have been unfairly delayed or denied as a result. This has to change. If I am elected, I will work hard to solve these problems.”

Links:

VetPac Web site listing of Wyka

endorsement: http://www.vetpac.org/index.php?option=com_sobi2&sobi2Task=sobi2Details&catid=4&sobi2Id=373&Itemid=9999999

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issues: http://www.vetpac.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogsection&id=5&Itemid=39

Disabled American Veterans’ scorecard (notice that the items for which Frelinghuysen voted correctly passed unanimously, or nearly

so): <http://capwiz.com/dav/bio/keyvotes/?id=393&lvl=C&azip=07960&bzip=>

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America Action Fund 2008 Congressional Report

Card: <http://www.vetpac.org/images/stories/File/iavareportcard2008.pdf>

Web site about the New GI Bill: <http://www.gibill2008.org/about.html>

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