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## Hoekstra Votes Against House Resolution that Fails to Address Threat from Radical Jihadists

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, the top Republican on the House Committee on Intelligence, issued the following statement upon voting against a resolution on Iraq that failed to address the threat from radical jihadists:

"The resolution fails to define the very real threat that we face from radical jihadists, who adhere to an ideology of hatred against America and free societies throughout the world. It also fails to express support for the dedicated men and women in the U.S. intelligence community who are working day in and day out, in Iraq and throughout the world, to protect America from acts of terror. I am very skeptical of the past policies that have clearly failed, and I cannot support a resolution that advocates staying the course. We need to reevaluate and evolve our strategy to achieve a measure of success in the war against a very ruthless threat, and the resolution before us does nothing to address the enemy we are up against."

To read the complete floor speech on the resolution by Congressman Hoekstra visit: <http://hoekstra.house.gov/UploadedFiles/HoekstraFloorSpeechOnRadicalIslam.doc>

## Hoekstra Hosts Discussions on No Child Left Behind

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra hosted a series of discussions on the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) with superintendents, principals, school board members and other educational leaders from West Michigan on February 21 and 22.

Meetings were held at Muskegon Community College, Washington Elementary School in Holland, Cadillac Area Public Schools and West Shore Community College in Ludington. The discussion focused on the following key issues with NCLB:

- How to better address the needs of special needs and alternative education students
- Recommendations to address the issues that impact suburban and rural schools such as significant growth in the number of Limited English Proficient students
- Suggestions for making improvements, including more flexibility in state and local funding and accountability requirements under the law

## Missouri Congressman Delivers on Friendly Wager

U.S. Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) delivered on a friendly wager placed between him and Rep. Hoekstra on January 18, following Grand Valley State University's 17-14 win over the Northwest Missouri State University Bearcats in the NCAA Division II national football championship.

Graves delivered a basket of Northwest Missouri goods to Hoekstra that included Kansas City's famous Jack Stacks Barbeque sauce and rub, a large bag of Cherry Mash candies, Energizer batteries, a Northwest Missouri State University ball cap and t-shirt and an autographed and framed photograph of Bobby the Bearcat.

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