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## **Charlie Brown Posts Strongest Quarter of 2008 Cycle**

Career Politicians spend millions on Attack Ads, Retired USAF Lt. Col. Funds Local Charities

**ROSEVILLE:** 4<sup>th</sup> CD Candidate and Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Charlie Brown raised more than \$249K during the first quarter of 2008. This is by far his strongest fundraising period since 2006.

It is also Brown's first filing since John Doolittle announced he would not seek re-election, and the first since two career politicians who don't even live in district four---Doug Ose and Tom McClintock--- entered the race.

"Our growing momentum signals a rejection of the politics of the past, and a growing support for the kind of future we can create by putting patriotism before partisanship," Brown said. "It's about solving problems--not being part of the problem."

All told, Brown, who is a 17 year resident of Placer County, has now raised just under \$1 million dollars for his campaign. He's mobilized more than 11,000 donors, and given more than \$21,000 to charities helping area war veterans and victims of last year's Angora Fire in Lake Tahoe. He has nearly \$600K remaining in cash on hand, and continues to set aside 5% of every dollar he raises to support local veterans and families in need---a challenge he issued to candidates nationwide in both parties upon formally announcing his candidacy last September.

Neither Ose or McClintock have accepted Brown's challenge, though both are spending heavily on negative mail pieces, robo calls, and an endless barrage of tv and radio attack ads.

"The sad truth is that while these two politicians are fighting each other, many families, veterans and others across America are fighting for survival," Brown said. "That's why so many people from across the political spectrum are joining our campaign for a new standard of leadership in Washington---one that's battle tested, locally grown, and produces real results here in our community."

Brown has also announced a number of new endorsements—including VoteVets.org PAC—the nation's largest political organization for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the California School Employees Association, the California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, United Food and Commercial Workers 8, .Carpenters Local Union No. 46, Teamsters Joint Council 38, and the California Democratic Party.

"I'm proud to have earned the support of working families, and those who are fighting each day defend our country around the world," Brown added.

*Charlie Brown, Lt. Col. Ret spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a rescue helicopter and reconnaissance pilot, and working with intelligence collection assets. He is also a credentialed California teacher, former professional staff-member at the Roseville Police Department, and is a Candidate for Congress in California's 4<sup>th</sup> District.*

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