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**Rep. Mike Thompson Joins Brown for Veterans Challenge Check
Presentation Friday in Roseville**

*Brown will give more than \$40K to 9 local service providers & eclipse \$90K in
donations for cycle*

Roseville: Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown has announced the latest round of beneficiaries in his historic "Promises Kept Veterans Charity Challenge" program, and will present more than \$40,000 in donations to nine local veterans service providers at a ceremony scheduled for Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Roseville.

Brown will be joined by members of Veterans for Charlie Brown, and a special guest--fellow Vietnam Veteran, and member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Rep. Mike Thompson.

The latest round of contributions will bring Brown's total giving since announcing the program—which has dedicated 5% of campaign contributions to Brown's Congressional Campaign to local veterans service providers since September 7, 2007, to more than \$90,000.

"While politicians across America are spending record sums making election year promises, the military world I come from teaches you that the only promises that matter, are the ones you keep," Brown said. "We've challenged other candidates in both political parties to join us in this important endeavor, and we have seen, first hand, the impact that bringing people together to help meet the challenges far too many veterans are facing can have on a human level in our community."

The veterans services Brown has sought to support and highlight through the Promises Kept program include both faith based and secular programs which house and feed the homeless (one in 3 homeless men in America is a veteran), connect at-risk veterans with earned benefits and healthcare services, streamline the transition to civilian life for returning Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans (accessing college, finding work, and reconnecting with family), and assist those coming home with disabilities from falling through the cracks during tough economic times (foreclosure rates in military communities are four times the national average).

In addition, Promises Kept funds were used to purchase supplies and postage for more than 230 care packages which the Brown campaign has sent to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Friday's beneficiaries include:

- The Gathering Inn
- Francis House, Resource Counseling Center
- The Nevada County Stand Down
- The Sacramento Stand Down

- Rebuild Hope
- The Greater Oroville Homeless Coalition
- Soldiers Angels, Sacramento VA Community Team
- Cottage Housing
- Hospitality House, Nevada County Community Shelter for the Homeless

Full details on Friday's event are printed below. Retired USAF Lt. Col. Brown and Rep. Thompson will both deliver brief remarks at the event, and will be available for Q&A with the press at the event's conclusion.

Who: Charlie Brown, Lt. Col. USAF Ret.
The Honorable Mike Thompson, Member of Congress (CA 01), Vietnam Veteran, Member of Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Representatives from Veterans for Charlie Brown
Representatives from each Promises Kept Beneficiary Organization

What: Promises Kept Veterans Charity Challenge Check Presentation

When: Friday, October 31, 2008, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m.

Where: The Gathering Inn, 201 Berkeley Ave., Roseville, CA 95678

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More About the Promises Kept Program:
<http://www.charliebrownforcongress.com/article.php?uid=762>

Charlie Brown spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, flying rescue helicopters at the end of the Vietnam War, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Sikorsky Winged S, 7 Air Medals, and 5 Meritorious Service Medals. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Brown also holds a Masters in Aviation Management from Embry Riddle University, and a California teaching credential. Brown's wife of 35 years, Jan, served as an Air Force Nurse, and their son is on Active Duty and has served Four rotations in Iraq. Charlie Brown is a candidate for Congress in California's 4th District.

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