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Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown and Senator Max Cleland Co-Host Town Hall

Brown to Debut First TV Ad at Thursday Forum on Military, Veterans and National Security Issues

SACRAMENTO: On Thursday May 1st, 4th CD Candidate and Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown will join forces with fellow Vietnam Veteran and former Georgia Senator Max Cleland at the Sheraton Grand in downtown Sacramento for a Town Hall Meeting focused on Military, Veterans and National Security Issues.

The event will also feature a special preview of Brown's first TV Ad of the 2008 Campaign, chronicling his years of service to America, to his fellow veterans, and the higher standard of leadership he's pledged to bring with him to Washington.

"The ad highlights the stark contrast in this race," said Iraq War Veteran and Veterans for Brown Co-Chair Cody Conway. "Between two career politicians fighting each other in a bitter partisan primary, and a battle tested leader who walks the talk in fighting for America's security, America's warriors, and solutions for American families."

The event marks Cleland's third trip to Northern California to campaign with Brown—dating back to 2006. As an Army Captain, Cleland lost 3 limbs to a grenade explosion in Vietnam, before going on to become the first Vietnam Veteran to lead the Veterans Administration, where he pioneered the VA's acclaimed Vet Center Readjustment Counseling Program.

Brown and Cleland will each deliver brief remarks at the forum, followed by a Q & A session with area veterans, military family members, and veterans service providers. More than 100,000 veterans reside in California's 4th District.

Back in September, Brown took the unprecedented action of committing 5% of funds raised by his campaign to area veterans service providers—already donating more than \$20,000 to 6 area organizations. The Brown campaign has announced that it expects to donate "at least" another \$20,000 later this summer.

Brown's strong positions on military and veterans issues have already earned him endorsements from the Veterans Alliance for Security and Democracy (VETPAC), Veterans and Military Families for Progress, and VoteVets.org PAC—the nation's largest political organization for veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Lt. Col. 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, 7 Air Medals, 5 Meritorious Service Medals, and a Sikorsky Winged S. Charlie's wife Jan is also an Air Force veteran, and their son has served four rotations in Iraq with the Air Force.

WHO: 4th CD Congressional Candidate and Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown, Former Georgia Senator Max Cleland, Area Veterans, Military Family Members and Veterans Service Providers

WHAT: Charlie Brown for Congress Town Hall Forum on Military, Veterans, and National Security Issues

WHERE: Falor Room (2nd Floor), Sheraton Grand Sacramento, 1230 J. Street, Sacramento

WHEN: Thursday, May 1, 2008, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

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