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Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown Releases First TV Spot of 2008 Campaign

Ad Entitled "Patriotism before Partisanship" Paints Stark Contrast with GOP Mudslingers

SACRAMENTO: The Congressional Campaign of Retired USAF Lt. Col. Charlie Brown announced the release of its first television ad of the 2008 campaign today. It can be viewed on Brown's website, www.charliebrownforcongress.org, and the full text of the ad is attached to this release.

Entitled "Patriotism before Partisanship," the spot chronicles the Brown family's long tradition of defending America, Charlie Brown's own 26 year military career, and his campaign's historic efforts to aid war veterans and their families.

"Washington is broken and partisanship is the reason why," Brown said. "In my family, we have always put America first—and that's the difference between solving problems and being part of the problem."

Brown previewed the spot at a town hall meeting last week featuring fellow Vietnam Veteran, former Georgia Senator and Ex VA Administrator Max Cleland. The ad will begin airing on broadcast and cable systems across Congressional District Four on May 5th.

Doug Ose and Tom McClintock—the two top GOP contenders for the 4th CD seat—have already spent nearly \$2 million on direct mail, robo calls, tv and radio attack ads labeling each other as carpetbaggers (though neither hails from the 4th District), and debating who is more loyal to partisan special interests.

Brown campaign spokesman Todd Stenhouse said the ad wars pointed to much more than a contrast in approach and style—but a contrast in qualifications for office.

"Charlie Brown is the only CA-04 contender with actual National Security experience and the only one to have lived worked and raised their family in the fourth district. He's the only one to have worked in local law enforcement, and the only one who was certified to teach in California public schools. Perhaps most importantly, he is the only one who is actively seeking the support of Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, and the only one taking action to solve problems in this campaign."

Back in September, Brown took the unprecedented action of committing 5% of funds raised by his campaign to area veteran's 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.

"The contrast in this race is unmistakable," 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 Brown campaign has announced that a radio ad featuring Conway will also be airing in the weeks leading up to the CA 04 primary on radio stations across district four. The radio ad is also posted to the Brown for Congress website.

Lt. Col. Brown is an Air Force Academy graduate who spent 26 years in the military—flying rescue helicopters at the end of the Vietnam War, piloting reconnaissance missions around the world, and coordinating a variety of intelligence collection assets—including surveillance flights over Iraq. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, 7 Air Medals, 5 Meritorious Service Medals, and a Sikorsky Winged S. His wife Jan is also an Air Force veteran, and their son has served four rotations in Iraq with the Air Force.

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Charlie Brown
“Patriotism Before Partisanship”
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The son of a soldier.

The husband of a veteran.

The father of an Air Force officer who has served four rotations in Iraq.

A decorated combat veteran himself. A man involved in every American conflict from Vietnam to Desert Storm...A career that took Charlie Brown from rescue helicopter pilot to coordinating intelligence flights in the Middle East.

Retired Lt. Colonel Charlie Brown knows protecting America in this dangerous world is the highest honor.

And Charlie Brown understands treating wounded warriors is our greatest responsibility.

While politicians spend their money attacking each other – Charlie Brown is supporting returning veterans.

And Charlie Brown is working to protect our families from the real problems here at home.

Rising prices and a faltering economy.

find out about a man who knows patriotism is more important than partisanship.

I'm Charlie Brown and I approve this message.