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Tim Walz For Congress

<i>SCRIPT</i>	<i>FACTS</i>
<p>ANNCR V/O: Like most Minnesotans, he's worked quietly and diligently.</p> <p>At the front of a classroom where he inspired a generation of young minds.</p> <p>From the sidelines where he taught his players about team work and giving your all.</p> <p>In the uniform which he proudly wore for over two decades... retiring as Command Sergeant Major.</p> <p>And now in Congress, he's fighting for the people of Southern Minnesota.</p> <p>Tim Walz. He works for us.</p> <p>TIM V/O: I'm Tim Walz and I approve this message.</p>	<p>Career. Teacher; Football Coach. [<u>Congressional Quarterly Weekly</u>, 11/11/06; <u>Star Tribune</u>, 10/15/06]</p> <p>Military History. Neb. National Guard, 1981-96; Minn. National Guard, 1996-2005 Command Sergeant Major. [<u>Congressional Quarterly Weekly</u>, 11/11/06; <u>Politico</u>, 1/24/07]</p> <p>Walz Fighting For Southern Minnesota:</p> <p>Walz Supported New GI Bill. In 2008, Walz voted for an amendment that would create an expanded educational benefit for veterans, imposing a surtax on the very wealthy to offset the costs of the new veterans' program and suspend implementation of seven Bush administration Medicaid regulations. The amendment appropriated \$21.2 billion for domestic programs, military construction and foreign aid programs. The amendment would provide a permanent expansion of education benefits for post-Sept. 11 veterans, offset with a 0.47 percent surtax on modified adjusted gross income above \$500,000 per year for individuals and \$1 million for couples. It also would temporarily extend unemployment insurance benefits and place a moratorium through March 2009 on seven Medicaid regulations proposed by the administration. The amendment passed 256-166. [HR 2642, Vote #330, 5/15/08; <u>Congressional Quarterly</u>, <u>Congressional Quarterly Weekly</u>, 5/16/08]</p> <p>Walz Energy Bill Expands Drilling and Funding For Renewables. Walz's energy bill will expand drilling and funding for renewables. The</p>

“bill reflects the results of a growing bi-partisan coalition of lawmakers who believe in putting aside partisan bickering and finding common-sense solutions that will speed up America’s transition to an energy independent future,” said Rep. Tim Walz. “This bill expands drilling and increases domestic production of oil, helps consumers by releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and provides a reliable and significant source of new funding for renewable energy research and energy conservation that will allow us to speed up the development of next-generation renewable fuels.” [Congressional Press Release, Rochester Post Bulletin, 7/30/08]

Congressman Walz Authored Middle Class Tax Cuts.

“Congressman Walz announced that he has introduced legislation in Congress that would provide a tax cut to more than 60 million middle class taxpayers. ‘Middle class Americans are being hit hard by this sluggish economy – the cost of groceries, gas at the pump, home heating oil, health care and education keep going up and up,’ said Rep. Tim Walz. ‘I am introducing this tax cut bill to bring immediate help to middle class families in southern Minnesota and across our nation. I’m urging citizens across the country to help me get this bill passed. My proposal takes billions of dollars away from wasteful government programs like taxpayer subsidies to the oil companies and puts it back in the pockets of ordinary folks so they can afford to pay for rising gas prices.’” [Congressional Press Release, 7/28/08]

Walz Supported the Passage of the Farm Bill, Which Contained Provisions He Authored.

In 2008, Walz supported the passage of the farm bill which contained his provisions. “I’m pleased that the House has, at long last, finished its work on the farm bill,” said Walz. “The Farm Bill will provide stability to our rural communities and agricultural producers, as well as ensuring a safe, affordable food supply for Americans and the world.” He continued, “And I am especially pleased that the Farm Bill includes several key provisions I authored. This bill will provide more flexibility for Minnesota’s farmers, who will be able to plant more fruits and vegetables, instead of being locked into planting what the government requires.”

[Congressional Press Release, 5/14/08]