

(WASHINGTON)--- Congressman Allen West (R-FL) released this statement today on the first anniversary of his swearing-in as a Member of the United States House of Representatives in the 112th Congress representing the 22nd Congressional District of Florida:

"One year ago today I came to the Nation's Capital with a mission to bring conservative principles to the political process, to reign in the Federal Government's out-of-control spending, to secure our nation's fiscal and physical security and to be a voice for the constituents of the 22nd Congressional District of Florida.

Today, I stand committed to the mission and will continue to work tirelessly on behalf of each constituent, traveling to both Broward and Palm Beach Counties throughout each month to listen directly to the people about the issues facing small businesses, working Americans and families.

Many people believe their elected officials in Washington, D.C. do not understand the struggles the average American faces. I am releasing the following information today to show transparency as my role as a Member of the House of Representatives and to demonstrate my commitment to voting on the issues important to South Florida.

Americans realize we still have a lot of work to do on Capitol Hill to turn this economy around, to build-up confidence and certainty among our small businesses and to create more American jobs. It is imperative that Congress continue to work on solutions to move our country forward.

It is the highest honor to serve as a Member of Congress, and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of South Florida and representing their views on Capitol Hill."

Some of the 2011 highlights include:

946 votes cast (98.8% voting record)

219 pieces of co-sponsored legislation

367 meetings with constituents

56 business visits in the district

7 pieces of legislation introduced:

*1 passed on House floor, 2 included in the National Defense Appropriation Authorization regarding Department of Defense Reductions

400 emails received every day to our office

45,656 pieces of mail sent from our office

I've attended 38 Small Business Committee hearings or briefings

I've attended 31 House Armed Services Committee hearings or briefings

I've held 4 Tele-Town Hall Meetings reaching approximately 4,000 people

I've held 20 in-person Town Hall Meetings with approximately 250 attendees each

30,539 Facebook fans

29,809 Twitter followers

Watch Congressman West's highlight video, [here.](#)