

**(WASHINGTON)** - Congressman Allen West (R-FL) released this statement today reviewing the first six months of the Second Session of the 112th Congress and his cumulative total of congressional office accomplishments since January 2011:

"The constituents of Florida's 22nd Congressional district deserve to know exactly what I am doing as I continue to be their voice on Capitol Hill.

I have traveled South Florida over the past 18 months talking with families and small businesses who have been forced to tighten their belts in these economic times. I promised them, that as a Member of Congress, our office would be doing the same. Today, I am announcing that I have returned \$275,000 from my 2011 budget to the American taxpayers. This return to the taxpayer is in addition to a six percent cut to the overall 2011 Congressional Office Budget that I voted for during my first few weeks in office.

My pledge to my constituents has never changed. I will continue to work to improve the fiscal and national security of our nation. While we still have a lot of work ahead of us, I will continue to be as transparent as possible as to the steps I am taking to ensure the will of the people is heard in the halls of Congress."

**January 2012 - July 1, 2012:**

**Cumulative January 2011 – July 1, 2012:**

450 votes cast with a 100% voting record

1,396 votes cast with a 99.9% voting record

333 meetings with constituents

700 meetings with constituents

34 business visits in the district

90 business visits in the district

78 pieces of co-sponsored legislation

297 pieces of co-sponsored legislation

2 pieces of legislation introduced

9 pieces of legislation introduced

*\*1 piece of legislation passed on House floor, 2 pieces included in the National Defense Appropriation Authorization regarding Department of Defense Reductions, 1 piece included in the National Defense Appropriations Authorization Act of 2013*

300 emails received daily to office (average)

500 emails received daily to office (average)

16, 627 pieces of mail sent from office

62,283 pieces of mail sent from office

2 tele-town hall meetings

6 tele-town hall meetings

12 in-person town hall meetings

36 in-person town hall meetings

***House Armed Services Committee:***

33 out of 38 hearings/briefings: 87% attendance rate  
91% attendance rate

82 total HASC hearings and briefings:

***House Small Business Committee:***

45 out of 50 hearings/briefings: 90% attendance rate  
93% attendance rate

83 Small Business hearings/briefings:

24 newsletters written and sent to constituents

72 newsletters written and sent to

constituents

42 press releases keeping media informed  
informed

165 press releases keeping media

49,906 Facebook fans

63,199 Twitter followers

\$275,000 (per 2011 budget) returned to United States taxpayers

651 constituent cases open, 1,440 completed

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