

Washington, DC (Dec. 15, 2011) - Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-09), Vice Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, made the following statement today regarding the end of U.S. military presence in Iraq:

"More than one million American service members fought in this war, and more than 4,500 brave men and women made the ultimate sacrifice," Bilirakis said. "We must honor them, never forget their service and dedication, and make sure we provide them with the benefits and services they have so valiantly earned."