

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (Sept. 12) -- U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Fla.), representing Florida's 9th Congressional District, including parts of Pasco, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, will be joining thousands of Hillsborough County residents in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at the Old Lutz School House in Lutz, Fla.

Coordinated by local non-profit group Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful (KHCB), and locally dubbed "The Lutz Trash Bash", the International Coastal Cleanup is the largest and most successful volunteer event of its kind. Since 1986 thousands of volunteers from around the globe have cleared over 100 million pounds of trash from 170,000 miles of shorelines, rivers, lakes, and wetlands. Last year, more than 3,200 volunteers cleaned 90 miles of shorelines and collected about 63,766 pounds of trash in Hillsborough County.

KHBC works to prevent litter, promote recycling and conservation, clean up and beautify the community through action, education, awareness and by fostering stewardship. More than 7,000 people in Greater Hillsborough County participated in volunteer programs sponsored by KHCB over the past year. For more information about KHBC or Saturday's International Coastal Cleanup, visit <http://www.khcbonline.org>.

WHO: U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-Fla.)

WHAT: Congressman Bilirakis to Participate in International Coastal Cleanup

WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Old Lutz School House, U.S. Hwy. 41 and 4th Ave., Lutz, Fla.