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Solis Appointed To Key Positions For the 108th Congress

First Latina to Serve on House Committee on Energy and Commerce

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Today, Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) is pleased to announce that she was appointed to the prestigious House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Democratic Steering Committee. She has also been named Assistant Whip and Chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus' Task Force on Health for the 108th Congress. In her second term, Solis made history by becoming the first Latina to serve on House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

“I am honored to be selected to these important positions. The appointment to the Energy and Commerce Committee will greatly impact the lives of my constituents and Californians as we look to address pressing issues such as health care for the uninsured, cleaner air, energy and Superfund cleanup,” said Congresswoman Solis.

The House Committee on Energy and Commerce has broad jurisdiction over issues such as: air quality, environmental health, commerce and trade, energy, consumer protection, environment, patient protection, prescription drugs, health and telecommunications. The House Committee on Energy and Commerce is one of three exclusive committees in the House.

The Democratic Steering Committee is responsible for nominating Democratic Members to serve on House committees. As Assistant Whip, Solis will be part of a group of Members that count and gather the necessary support to pass important legislation.

As Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Health Task Force, Congresswoman Solis remains committed to increasing access to health care for all Americans and developing the next generation of health care professionals.

“As we work to find a solution to the health care crisis in America, I hope to continue our focus on health care disparities and access so that Latino health issues become part of the national health care agenda. I am committed to advocate for ways to address this situation and am very pleased to be named Chair of the CHC Task Force on Health,” said Congresswoman Solis.

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