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HOUSE PASSES THE 21ST CENTURY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Solis' provisions to benefit troubled teens in Los Angeles County are incorporated

WASHINGTON D.C. –Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-31) is pleased to announce that two of her amendments were incorporated in the final version of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Conference Report (H.R. 2215) which passed the House of Representatives today.

The legislation authorizes funding for the U.S. Department of Justice, including the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Block Grant.

Solis' amendments included in H.R. 2215 will allow communities to use federal juvenile block grant funds:

- for suicide prevention services for incarcerated juveniles and juveniles leaving incarceration;
- and to collaborate with health centers that offer appropriate prenatal care services for pregnant offenders.

“I am very happy that my provisions were incorporated. It has been a year-long process and I am glad that the bill passed the House with overwhelming support. Teenage suicide and teenage pregnancy are real problems in my community’s detention centers. I am confident that these provisions will serve to address these pressing needs and improve the effectiveness of our juvenile justice programs,” said Congresswoman Solis.

For the bill to become law, the legislation must pass in both houses of Congress and be signed by President Bush.

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