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NEWS RELEASE

Crespo Writes Editor of Daily Herald

Discusses importance of Independence Day, support of troops past and present

STREAMWOOD – 7/2/2008. *Below is the text of a letter sent by Rep. Crespo to the editor of the Daily Herald in recognition of Independence Day.*

Dear Editor: As we approach the birth of our nation, I encourage all Americans to remember what Independence Day truly means, to recognize the sacrifices of those serving in the military and to celebrate safely and responsibly.

As you gather with your friends and family, remember the actions of our Founding Fathers so many years ago as well as the sacrifices of our courageous military men and women that make this celebration possible. As state representative, I try to remember all year long by working to provide Illinois veterans with the assistance and compensation they deserve. This year I helped pass legislation that will set aside the last week in September as Gold Star Families Week. The measure is designed to commemorate the families of those that have paid the ultimate price in defense of the freedom we exercise every day, and the Fourth of July provides us with a particularly poignant opportunity to make our gratitude known.

I would also like to remind everyone how important it is to celebrate responsibly. According to the Illinois Chapter of the American Red Cross, each year approximately 10,000 people are treated in emergency rooms nationwide for injuries sustained from firework accidents, roughly 50% of victims being younger than 15 years old. I have made the health and well-being of our children and families a top priority and I ask for your help in ensuring their safety, not just this Independence Day, but every day. It is essential that all Illinois citizens work together to preserve the values that make our state great.

I hope you will join me in making this July 4th a memorable one by showing your appreciation for all of our troops, past and present. Proudly display your American flag and enjoy the festivities responsibly. This is a time for honoring the past as well as celebrating the future. Let us all work together to make it a safe and happy holiday.

As always, if there is anything I can do for our veterans or constituents feel free to contact me at (630) 372-3340. My door is always open.

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