

## News Release

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### **Wittman to Co-Chair Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus**

(Washington D.C.) - Congressman **Gene Taylor** (D-MS, 4<sup>th</sup> District), Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, announced today that Congressman **Rob Wittman** (R-VA, 1<sup>st</sup> District) will be the new Co-Chair of the Caucus.

Congressman Wittman was elected on December 11, 2007 by special election to fill the seat of Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis, who passed away last October.

Congressman Taylor and Congresswoman Davis founded the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus in January 2005 as a forum for Members of Congress to discuss shipbuilding issues that impact their districts. The Caucus enables Members to work together in a unified effort to support increased shipbuilding to strengthen America's sea services in protecting America's vital national interests. There are currently 98 Members of the Caucus.

"I look forward to working with Rob Wittman. As a freshman Congressman, I know he will work diligently to strengthen the Caucus and help me in making the Caucus the leading force in rebuilding our nation's sea services and shipbuilding industry," said Congressman Taylor.

"I am honored to have been asked to serve as the Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus. The shipbuilding industry is a major economic force within the First Congressional District of Virginia. The Hampton Roads region in particular, has long enjoyed strong maritime traditions. I am eager to partner with my colleagues in the caucus to develop new ideas on how best to support the shipbuilding industry in the future," said Congressman Wittman.