WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47), the ranking female member on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), today issued the following statement of congratulations upon the election of Congressman Adam Smith (WA-9) as Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Committee:

“I want to congratulate Congressman Smith on his hard-fought victory and look forward to continuing to work with him on the issues that are important to our troops, veterans, and military families. The values of our Democratic Caucus must be heard loudly in the new Congress and I will be working hard – with all of my colleagues – to make certain that happens.”