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Bipartisan Process to Identify Potential Strategic Threats to National Security

Washington, D.C. --House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA) and Ranking Member Ike Skelton (D-MO) today announced the appointment of Rep. Loretta Sanchez to the bipartisan membership of the committee's Defense Review (CDR) Threat Panel. The Threat Panel, the first phase of the CDR, will identify and categorize potential strategic threats to United States national security over the next twenty years.

"I'm honored to have been selected to serve on this panel for the Armed Services Committee. I expect it to be an extremely informative and useful exercise in determining the future needs of our military," said Sanchez

The House Armed Services Committee Defense Review is designed to serve as an independent, bipartisan process that complements the Department of Defense's Quadrennial Defense Review. The CDR's Threat Panel will be followed by a second series of panels that will identify existing United States military capabilities and future defense requirements to address those threats. The final phase of the CDR will integrate these recommendations into a report to be released in 2006.