

December 18, 2005- Military Family Holiday Party

Rep. Loretta Sanchez Plays Santa to Military Families

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez and Helping Our Troops (HOT) were able to bring some holiday joy to 35 Orange County military families by hosting the Military Family Holiday Party. At the December 18 event, military families received gifts donated by local organizations and individuals; children met Santa; participated in arts and crafts; and enjoyed a holiday dinner together.

Although Sanchez was held over in Washington for end-of-the-year legislative business, she offered her holiday wishes to the families and thanked them for their continuous love and support for U.S. troops.

"We wanted to do something special for our families during the holidays," said Sanchez. "The past few years have been difficult for our military families, many of whom have loved ones serving abroad. This is not only an emotional strain for them; it is also a financial one. We wanted to do all we could help boost morale on the family front as well as the front line."

Gifts on the holiday wish lists ranged from bicycles, computers and toys to food and clothing. Attendees were also treated to a festive turkey dinner, generously provided by the Roosters Foundation.