

January 27, 2009: Annual Tet Festival

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 27, 2009

Sanchez Statement on Annual Tet Festival

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Representative Loretta Sanchez (D-Garden Grove), Co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Vietnam, delivered the following statement in recognition of Tet, the Lunar New Year and the Annual Tet Festival in Orange County .

Below is the full text of her statement as prepared.

The Honorable Loretta Sanchez

One Minute-January 27,2009

Today, marks the 2nd day of Tet more commonly known as the Lunar New Year.

Tet is a reaffirmation of the Vietnamese cultural heritage and tradition and is the largest and most celebrated holiday for the Vietnamese people

It is when friends and families come together to celebrate the past year and look towards the future.

On January 30, the Union of the Vietnamese Student Associations of Southern California (UVSA) will hold its annual Tet Festival in the city of Garden Grove.

I would like to recognize UVSA and the Vietnamese community for their endless efforts in bringing students, young professionals and community organizations together for the Annual Tet Festival.

The Vietnamese American community plays a vital economic and cultural role in the 47th District, and I am very proud of its efforts in fighting to achieve freedom and human rights for all Vietnamese people.

As the Representative of the 47th District, it is a great honor to represent one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the world, and I would like to congratulate the Vietnamese community for all their successes this past year and wish them a very happy new year, Chuc Mung Nam Moi!

###