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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

October 26, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
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Dear Governor Crist:

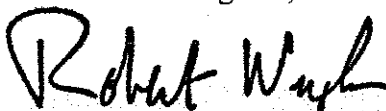
I am writing to formally announce that effective on January 3, 2010 at 11:59 pm I will resign as a Member of the United States House of Representatives from Florida's 19th Congressional District. Serving the residents of South Florida in the United States House of Representatives and the Florida Senate for the past 19 years has been, without equivocation, the greatest honor of my life. I am indebted to my constituents for affording me the opportunity and privilege to serve in public office.

As you know, I have accepted a position as president of the Center for Middle East Peace and Economic Cooperation. One of my overriding passions has been working to strengthen and preserve the unbreakable bond between the United States and Israel. My time on the Foreign Affairs Committee permitted me to work towards a comprehensive and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians, as well as Israel and the broader Arab world. I look forward to continuing and expanding upon this work in my new position.

I regret that I will be unable to complete my current term, but as you know, we face immediate and critical challenges in the Middle East. In the coming months, Israeli and Arab leaders will be faced with monumental decisions that will dramatically affect the region and the entire world for decades. I am confident that now is the best time for me to dedicate myself fully to these significant issues.

I want to especially thank you and your dedicated staff for enabling this transition to be as smooth as possible. I am also deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve with you in the Florida Senate earlier in our respective careers. On behalf of my constituents who believe so passionately in the right to vote, I want to especially acknowledge your extraordinary and courageous leadership in making Florida's voter verifiable paper trail a model for the nation.

With warm regards,



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