Wilson's legislative efforts helped demolish blight, make way for new homes

Washington, D.C. – On Tuesday, July 6, 2010 Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) will visit a neighborhood that has directly benefitted from his legislative efforts.

In the 110th Congress, Wilson successfully fought to allow neighborhood stabilization funding to be spent on the demolition of dilapidated and hazardous properties. This standard became law in 2008. More recently, Wilson fought to have this same standard apply to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and to the recently passed Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. This provides stateswith even more money to do demolition in needed areas, which protects home values, homeowners and supports communities.

One neighborhood in the city of Salem has already put the Recovery money to work in just that way. Dilapidated structures have been demolished and two new homes are being built by Habitat for Humanity.

WHO: Congressman Charlie Wilson
Habitat for Humanity officials
Salem officials
Columbiana County officials

WHERE: Habitat for Humanity
509 Franklin St.
Salem, OH 44460

WHEN: Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 3 pm

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