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**MILLER ANNOUNCES HOUSE-APPROVAL OF MORE THAN \$2.7 MILLION
IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR VALLEJO AND SOLANO COUNTY**

WASHINGTON - Congressman George Miller (D-CA) announced today that the House of Representatives approved his request for \$2.7 million in federal funding for several projects in Vallejo and Solano County.

"I am proud to be able to work with the City of Vallejo and Solano County to win much needed federal assistance," said Miller. "These funds will help with law enforcement and continue the work on the Vallejo waterfront, redevelopment of Mare Island Naval Shipyard, and other shoreline restoration efforts in the county."

The funding will help with efforts in historic and natural resource preservation and expanded transportation services.

"George Miller has always supported Vallejo's efforts, and I want to thank him for his work on our behalf," said Vallejo Mayor Tony Intintoli, Jr. "This money will allow us to keep moving forward on our reuse of Mare Island as well as the development of the downtown and waterfront areas."

The following projects were included in an omnibus appropriations bill approved by the House today. The Senate is expected to take up the same bill some time in January. Passage there is not guaranteed but is widely expected.

Vallejo Baylink Ferry Intermodal Center - Miller secured \$1.25 million in funding to provide 1,400 off-street parking spaces for ferry patrons. The money will also fund upgrades to local and regional bus transfer facilities, roadway access improvements, and pedestrian access improvements to better facilitate pedestrian traffic among downtown Vallejo, the ferry terminal, and the waterfront area. This appropriation is one of several for the ferry that Miller has won since it began operating.

Mare Island Sanitary Sewer - Miller secured \$350,000 in funding to modernize and upgrade the sanitary sewer and storm drain system at the former naval shipyard. The current sanitary sewer and storm drain system is in a severely degraded condition. Money that Miller helped to win for the past three years has been used to construct a critical new water main, sewer pump, and expansion of the DOM4 wetwell.

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Solano County Law Enforcement - Working with Representative Ellen Tauscher (D-CA), Miller secured \$100,000 in funding for a multi-jurisdictional hazardous response team. The funding will be used to enhance security of the areas in Solano County with major industrial complexes at added risk of potential terrorist activities. This funding builds on the \$250,000 of federal funding provided last year.

San Pablo Bay Watershed Restoration - Miller secured \$1 million to restore one of the largest underdeveloped tracts of formed tidal wetlands in the State of California. The \$1 million will be used to acquire diked historic wetlands for restoration. The restoration of San Pablo Bay is supported by The Bay Institute, the California Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Fish and Game, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, Chevron Corporation, Toyota Motor Company, and the counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano and Contra Costa.