(Washington, DC) - **Congressman Wally Herger (R-CA) today issued a statement in anticipation of President Barack Obama's inauguration. His remarks follow below:**

"As the nation's first African-American President, Barack Obama stands as a symbol of racial progress in America. Regardless of political viewpoints, it is a historic moment for our entire nation. President Obama takes office during a difficult and tumultuous time in our nation's history, and I am hopeful that he will exercise the judgment and leadership we need to face our economic challenges and our terrorist enemies head-on. There is an opportunity for him to govern as he campaigned, from the center-right, and reach across party lines to solve our problems at hand. While we may not always agree on matters of policy, as an American above all, I wish President Obama the very best as he leads our nation."