(WASHINGTON, DC) - This evening Congressman Rob Wittman joined members of the House and Senate in a Joint Session of Congress. President Obama addressed the nation on the status of the economy and his plans for addressing the nation's fiscal health.

"I appreciated hearing the President's frank assessment of the economy and other issues our nation faces. I strongly agree that we need to cut the budget deficit, and that is something we need to accomplish today, without waiting for future budgets," said Wittman.

"I have the utmost faith that the American people, not government spending, will put our country back on the path to prosperity. We should all work in a bipartisan way to help small businesses and families keep their hard earned dollars, which will stimulate the economy from the ground level," added Wittman.

"As we work to cut the deficit, it is imperative that our nation's security not be compromised in the process. I remain committed to a strong national defense, and to our men and women in uniform," said Wittman.

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Armed Services and Natural Resources Committees.