**Washington, D.C.** – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1), a Member of the U.S. House Armed Services Committee, today issued the following statement in response to the President's decision to accept the resignation of General Stanley McChrystal and replace him with General David Petraeus, the current Commander of U.S. Central Command:

"As this situation unfolded, thousands of American troops continued to serve their country in Afghanistan, in a mission critical to the national security of this country. Our focus must remain on this mission, defeating those who would bring harm to our country and across the globe. General Petraeus has a proven record at success with counterinsurgency strategy and will provide continuity to the mission. I believe the President made the right decision in accepting General McChrystal's resignation, and we thank him for his service to this country."

Congressman Wittman recently returned from a Congressional delegation trip to Afghanistan and Pakistan, where he met with General Stanley McChrystal, as well as President Hamid Karzai of Afghanistan, and President Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan.

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