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**CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE NAMED “UNsung HERO” FOR
HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS**

El Cajon resident Vickie Butcher, Democratic candidate for the 52nd Congressional district, has been honored as an Unsung Hero by the Annie B. Campbell School of Ministry and the Booker T. Crenshaw Christian Leadership University. The award was presented at a February fundraiser in San Diego celebrating Black History Month.

The award recognizes Butcher’s achievements in healthcare reform and international humanitarian achievements, citing her leadership as past President of the National Medical Association Auxiliary and member of FDA medical panels. In addition, the awards program book lauds Butcher’s leadership as Executive Director of Water for Children Africa, noting that Butcher “led international humanitarian efforts to bring water and medical supplies to those in need.” The program booklet also praises Butcher for her support to create “new jobs in green renewable energy production to halt global warming and revitalize our economy.”

Butcher, a teacher with legal training, is a 27-year-resident of the 52nd Congressional District. She has championed healthcare reform along with her husband, Dr. Richard O. Butcher, a leader in healthcare reform nationally and a former Naval officer. Vickie Butcher’s platform includes bringing our troops home, reducing the deficit and investing in positive programs such as better care for veterans, green collar jobs, stronger wildfire protection and prevention, and affordable, universal healthcare for all Americans.

Butcher has been endorsed by leaders in multiple faiths who share her view that the definition of “moral values” should be changed to include caring for the poor, the sick, the elderly, our children and our veterans as well as preserving God’s creation, a clean and healthy environment. Butcher is also supported by healthcare reform advocates and leaders in education, labor, business and women’s organizations as well as by leaders in Latino, Muslim and African-American organizations, medical and legal professionals, veterans advocates, fire survivors, Progressive Democrats of

America San Diego chapter, the Rural Caucus chair of the CDP, and several members of Congress including the chair of the House ethics committee, the honorable Stephanie Tubbs-Jones.

Butcher has previously been honored with the NAACP San Diego 2007 Humanitarian Award, a U.S. FDA consumer service award, March of Dimes Mother of the Year recognition, and the United Nations Medaille d' Excellence.

Her campaign has recently brought on board a national manager in Washington D.C. and has a poll by Barack Obama's pollster showing that Butcher is the most viable candidate to win the 52nd Congressional district.

"I have spent my life in public service," says Butcher. "Now I am running for Congress to apply my national, international and local leadership skills to serve people whose voices have not been heard. I will represent all of the people in my district—not the powerful special interests."

For more information on Vickie's views, or to volunteer or donate to her campaign, visit www.votevickiebutcher.com.