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Ret. Lt. Col. Charlie Brown Criticizes Ads Depicting Flag Draped Coffins

ROSEVILLE, CA: In 2004, ads depicting the flag draped remains of victims of 9/11 were used in ads run by the Bush/Cheney '04 re-election committee. Most recently, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has come under fire for using similar images in its political advertising.

4th CD Democratic Nominee Charlie Brown has issued the following statement regarding the use of the flag draped coffin image in political advertisements.

*"As a 26 year veteran of the armed forces, the husband of a veteran, and the father of a veteran who has completed three rotations in Iraq, I find it **completely inappropriate** for any political organization to use images of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for America in partisan political advertisements. Those who serve this country in the military do so without regard to partisan politics, and images of their sacrifices and memory should be honored in the same vein.*

Ultimately, respect for our fallen heroes is measured by giving all soldiers, airmen, sailors, and marines the tools they need to succeed in defending America, and keeping our promise to help all veterans and their families with the long-term challenge of coming home. These are the crucial issues on which I will continue to focus during this campaign."

Charles Brown, Lt. Col. Ret., spent 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, is a credentialed California Teacher, and served on the Professional Staff of the Roseville Police Department for the past 8 years.

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