

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, after eight and a half years and over 4,000 casualties, the U.S. officially declared an end to the war in Iraq. Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and Ranking Member of the Social Security Subcommittee, released the following statement:

“It was time, time to close this difficult chapter in our history. We thank and remember all of our brave men and women in uniform and their families who sacrificed the most over these years. May this be a special holiday season for each and every one of them.

And may we and America’s leaders remember, if not learned, the lessons of war: the price, life and treasure, is always great; it must always be the last option; and you cannot for long deceive the people on its necessity.

I thank President Obama for keeping his promise and bringing the war in Iraq to an honorable end.”