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PENCE TO VISIT IRAQ

Washington, Feb 23, 2004 - Washington, D.C.- Congressman Mike Pence, a member of the House International Relations Committee, announced today that he will be visiting Iraq and other locations in the Middle East this week as part of an official Congressional Delegation (CODEL) trip to gain a first-hand perspective of ongoing military and reconstruction efforts.

“We’re looking forward to not only spending time with our own soldiers, but also with Iraqis involved in the transition to a free and democratic Iraq,” said Pence.

Congressman Pence will be joined by CODEL leader and senior Indiana lawmaker, Congressman Dan Burton and several other members of the House International Relations Committee.

The CODEL will meet with U.S. Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the top-ranking American official in charge of the Coalition Provisional Authority as well as other key intelligence officials and several of Indiana’s own brave servicemen and women.

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