

COOPER MARKS OPENING OF 111TH CONGRESS

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WASHINGTON--U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper was sworn in today for his fourth term as Congressman for Tennessee's Fifth District and his tenth overall term in the U.S. House of Representatives. Cooper released the following statement upon taking the oath of office:

"I am proud to represent the people of Middle Tennessee as we work to confront the many challenges facing our country. This is a historic time for America, a moment that calls us to overcome our differences and work together as fellow citizens.

"I am optimistic about what we can achieve. Congress and President Obama must move quickly to get our economy back on track, invest in future generations, reform health care, develop clean energy technology, keep our nation secure, and reverse the effects of climate change. We must also start making hard choices in order to bring fiscal responsibility back to government.

"Our work is clearly cut out for us. Americans are at their best when confronted with great challenges, and we will rise to the current occasion. I look forward to hearing from my fellow Tennesseans in the coming weeks and months."

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