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LAGOMARSINO CONDEMNS MURDER OF COLONEL HIGGINS

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Congressman Bob Lagomarsino condemned the hanging of U.S. Marine Colonel William Higgins by fundamentalist Shi'ite terrorists in Lebanon.

"I am shocked and outraged at the cold-blooded murder of Colonel Higgins. I strongly support taking appropriate action to squarely respond to this barbaric crime," stated Lagomarsino, a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

It is sadly ironic that Colonel Higgins was part of a United Nations team deployed to help keep the peace. It is incumbent for the U.N. to also take strong action to bring these murderers to justice and show that future terrorist actions of this nature are internationally unacceptable," continued Lagomarsino.

"Because of Iran's direct support for Shi'ite terrorist groups, like this one and the Islamic Jihad which holds other Americans hostage and killed over 250 Marines in the 1983 Beirut Marine compound bombing, Iran must directly share in the responsibility for this terrorism. Iran's new president (Rafsanjani) is touted as a "moderate". I believe that today's actions clearly contradict that," noted Lagomarsino.

"Syria, too, shares direct responsibility. Syria claims its forces in Lebanon are "innocent Arab League Peacekeepers". Yet, Syria has allowed these terrorists to operate in Syrian-occupied areas. Syria is no peacekeeper. Syria is supporting terrorism against America while brutally occupying Lebanon and indiscriminately killing its inhabitants, especially Lebanon's Christian minority," said Lagomarsino.