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**\*\*\*Media Advisory for Wednesday\*\*\*  
December 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.**

## Religious & Community Leaders Hold Candlelight Vigil to Soften Heart of Rep. Harris This Holiday Season

**Florida Leaders Pray Rep. Harris Will Oppose Immoral Budget Bill That Takes Food from the Mouths of Poor Children to Fund Tax Breaks for the Rich**

**Vigil is one of 100 events held during *Nationwide Week of Prayer and Action for Compassionate Priorities***

Sarasota – In the midst of the holiday season, the United States Congress is set to vote on one of the most immoral bills imaginable – and the people of the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are disappointed and angry. Dozens of religious leaders and advocates for the poor will hold a candlelight vigil outside the office of Rep. Katherine Harris **Wednesday December 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.** to soften her heart and pray that she oppose this immoral bill this holiday season.

The anti-family House budget plan would slash initiatives that support poor and working families by \$50 billion to finance tax breaks for the wealthiest of Americans to the tune of \$70 billion. This proposal, backed by the Bush administration, literally takes food out of the mouths of poor children during the holidays and gives it in the form of tax breaks to the richest Americans who want for nothing.

Leaders nationwide are saddened to see such misplaced priorities from the Congress and have joined together to hold 100 events as part of a **Nationwide Week of Prayer and Action for Compassionate Priorities**. These massive cuts would devastate thousands of Florida families in order to line the pockets of the wealthy.

The Sarasota vigil is being organized by a local volunteer with *Call to Renewal*, in cooperation with **Florida Consumer Action Network (FCAN)**.

“In this holiday season, we pray Rep. Harris, and all Members of Congress will look deep within their hearts and consider if this budget represents their values and those of the families they are in Washington to represent,” said Judith Rock of Sarasota, volunteer with *Call To Renewal*. “Rep. Harris would be wise to reconsider this position and to reject the immoral House budget agenda which would devastate poor and working families across America.”

**What:** Candlelight Vigil to "soften the heart" of Rep. Katherine Harris

**When:** Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** Outside Rep. Harris' district office, south side of Main St. at Links Ave., Sarasota, Florida

**Who:** Religious and Community leaders, Advocates for the Poor, Service Providers, and others