

Washington D.C. - House Republican Whip Roy Blunt (Mo.) and Chief Deputy Republican Whip Eric Cantor (Va.) today announced their selection of California Congressman Kevin McCarthy to serve as an Assistant Whip on the Republican Whip Team for the 110th Congress.

Assistant Whips are responsible for helping the Republican Whip and the Chief Deputy Republican Whip assist the Republican leadership in managing the party's legislative program on the House floor.

"Kevin will be an excellent addition to the Whip team, and I am pleased that he has agreed to do this very important job," Blunt said. "I look forward to working with him every day to move the Republican agenda forward in the House."

"Kevin is bringing his exceptional talents and abilities to a team that is going to work everyday on the important issues that affect the lives of Americans. From securing our borders and winning the war on terror to ensuring the economic prosperity of our nation, we will continue to articulate and define our commonsense conservative agenda. I look forward to working with Kevin," Cantor said.

"I am excited to be on the Republican Whip Team to promote our party's vision of increased opportunity for all Americans and am honored that Republican Whip Blunt and Chief Deputy Whip Cantor entrusted me with this opportunity," stated Congressman McCarthy. "Congress should engage in a spirited debate and I will fight for our party's principles of lower taxes, a Federal government accountable to the people, and protecting our country's security, values, and freedoms."

"Kevin McCarthy's new role will give California's Twenty Second District an even bigger voice in the decision-making process in the House," Blunt said. "This is a real win for California."

Blunt was first elected to Congress in 1996 and was elected Whip for the first time in 2002. The Republican Whip is the second-ranking member of the House Republican leadership, behind the Republican Leader. Virginia Congressman Eric Cantor serves as the Chief Deputy Republican Whip.

