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### Raja Krishnamoorthi for US Congress - Fundraising Banquet in Dallas

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Dallas, TX: Several leaders of the Dallas Indian American community gave a rousing

welcome to Raja Krishnamoorthi, who is running for US Congress as a Democratic Party candidate from the 8th Congressional District of Illinois.

The fundraising banquet that was hosted on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at one of the prominent Indian American community leaders, Dr. Prasad Thotakura's residence in Colleyville, TX was very successful.

In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Prasad Thotakura said "that the stage is set for Raja Krishnamoorthi, 42 to become the next US Congressman in November 8<sup>th</sup> general elections. I'm sure Raja will be one of the best US Congressmembers in the history because he knows the pain and suffering of the common people. As a matter of fact, Raja has spent most of his childhood living on public assistance and on food stamps. Now, it is very heartening to note that Raja has the distinction of being endorsed by US President Barack Obama besides more than 100 leading Democratic leaders. Raja was introduced as one of the emerging Democratic leaders at the recent Democratic National Convention that was held in Philadelphia. When Raja gets selected, he will be the fourth US Congressman of the Indian origin after Dalip Singh Saund, (1957-1963), Bobby Jindal (2004-2007) and Dr. Ami Bera (currently serving only Indian American US Congressman)."

Mr. MVL Prasad, one of the Host Committee Members introducing Raja Krishnamoorthi said that Raja was emigrated from New Delhi, India to Buffalo, New York with his parents when he was just three months old. He is the fine role model of the Indian American community who gives highest priority to education. Raja earned his bachelor's degree with summa cum laude in mechanical engineering from Princeton University and graduated with honors from Harvard Law School. Following law school, Raja clerked for a federal judge in Chicago, served as issues director for Barack Obama's successful United States Senate campaign in 2004. Raja currently serves as President of Sivananthan Labs and Episolar, Inc., a small businesses that sell products in the national security and renewable energy industries.

Raja Krishnamoorthi while addressing the gathering said that he is very thankful to his parents and very proud of his Indian heritage that instilled principles, discipline, morale, ethics, respect, traditions and values in him. Raja stated that there is a lot of opportunity and room for others to serve the country by entering into mainstream US Politics. He noted that Indian American community is doing exceptionally well in the areas like Education, Entrepreneurship, Medicine, Technology, Engineering, Spirituality but is lacking participation in Political arena. Raja stated that while there are more than 3 million Indian Americans in the USA, now there is only Indian American serving as US Congressman and he will increase that to 100% when he gets elected as US Congressman this year. Raja sincerely thanked for all contributors in general and the host team Dr. Prasad Thotakura, Paul Pandian, Sridhar Tummala, MVL Prasad and CC Theophine for organizing a successful fundraiser in Dallas to support him.

CC Theophine, one of the Host Committee Members said Raja was able to raise a whopping \$1.6 million more than his opponents and is considered to be a sure shot winner. He urged all US citizens to register to vote so that they should be able to vote in upcoming elections. He requested the gathering to call their Chicago friends to support and vote for Raja. CC thanked all guests for attending and supporting Raja, Prasanthi

and Sai Sathish Ganesa for hosting the event, Kishore Kancharla of Bawarchi Indian Restaurant for providing sumptuous dinner, TV5 for media coverage, Mr. Paul Pandian, Sridhar Tummala, MVL Prasad and Dr. Prasad Thotakura for coordinating the fundraising event successfully as Host Committee Team.

Several attendees clarified their questions about the Congressional elections, funding efforts etc. during Q&A session with Raja that was followed by a sumptuous dinner.

The Dallas Indian American Community members who attended and supported Raja for Congress included Dr. Prasad Thotakura, Sridhar Tummala, MVL Prasad, CC Theophine, Paul Pandian, Sai Sathish & Dr. Prasanthi Ganesa, Swarupa Thotakura, Krithika Ganesa, Murali Vennam, Amrit Kriplani, Mahesh Guduru, Ramki Chebrolu, Fatima & Taiyab Kundawala, Tanvir & Benazir Arfi, Abid Abedi, Vijaya & Laxman Vuppala, Dr. Sat Gupta, Mahesh Setty, Dr. C.R. Rao Srikanth Polavarapu, Parimala, Dinesh, Sindhu, Chennakesavulu Mokkaapati, Shiju Abraham, Raghavendra Kulkarni, Arvind Muppidi, Mohan Chandran, Muruganathan Palanisamy, Srinivas Kasu, Dr. Dhruv Balkondi, and Dr. Yogi Chimata.

