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Congress Adopts 3.9% Pay Raise for Federal/Military Personnel IFPTE President Applauds Majority Leader Hoyer

WASHINGTON, DC – Following the House of Representatives action to include a 3.9% pay raise for federal employees in the Continuing Resolution (H.R. 2638), the Senate followed suit by passing and sending the recommendation to the White House for final approval. The 3.9% percent pay raise equals that of military personnel, who also received the raise as a part of the passage of the Fiscal Year 2009 (FY09) Defense Authorization bill (S. 3001). Both bills passed on Saturday.

President Bush originally recommended a 3.4% pay raise for military personnel and a 2.9% pay raise for civilian workers. IFPTE, which represents tens of thousands of federal employees, including thousands of veterans, supported the congressionally backed higher pay raise for both military and civilian personnel.

IFPTE President Gregory Junemann provided the following comments on the Congressional action:

“IFPTE would like to pay a particular note of appreciation to House Majority Leader Hoyer, who has unfailingly championed pay parity for our military fighters and civilian workers alike. As we come to the end of the current administration, which has consistently attempted to shortchange both military and civilian pay raises, it is important to remember that without Leader Hoyer’s steadfast commitment to our nation’s civil servants it would have undoubtedly been very difficult to achieve pay parity.

“IFPTE applauds the bipartisan group of lawmakers in the United States Congress, including House and Senate Appropriations Chairmen Obey and Byrd, who have again delivered for our nation’s fighting men and women and our civilian workers.”

In addition to the union’s public and private sector memberships, IFPTE represents federal workers at the Department of Defense, NASA, the Department of Energy, the Congressional Research Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Government Accountability Office, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Social Security Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of Interior.

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