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**U.S. Rep. Brad Miller Congratulates Raleigh Student for Selection to the Army All-American Marching Band**

*Raleigh, N.C.* – Cesar Bernal from Athens Drive High School in Raleigh has been selected to the Army All-American Marching Band for the 2012 Army All-American High School Football Bowl played tomorrow.

Rep. Brad Miller called the young man to offer congratulations on becoming part of The Army All-American Bowl which showcases the best high school football players, marching band musicians, and color guard members in the country, as it highlights some of the best Soldiers in the Army.

"The country will be watching as Cesar represents Raleigh and Athens High School with distinction," **Rep. Miller** said.

One hundred and twenty-five top high school marching band musicians and color guard members were chosen from around the country to perform at the game to be televised live on NBC tomorrow - Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 1:00 P.M. EST. Ninety top high school football stars were also selected nationwide to play in the game and they are paired with an Army Soldier Hero (recipients of a Bronze Star with V Device for Valor, Silver Star and/or Purple

Heart). The player and soldier duos will interact with one another throughout Bowl Week in a variety of activities.

The Army selects the players and musicians based on nominations in their communities and on their performance on the field and their character off it including loyalty, dedication, hard-work teamwork and integrity.

*\*\*\*Football trivia\*\*\* Past U.S. Army All-American bowl alumni include NFL and college stars Adrian Peterson, Ndamukong Suh, Mark Sanchez and Tim Tebow. More than 180 U.S. Army All-American Bowl alumni have been drafted to the NFL since 2004, including 49 first-round picks.*

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