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U.S. Rep. Brad Miller Honors Burlington Woman Who Died While Serving in the Peace Corps

Raleigh, N.C. – U.S. Rep. Brad Miller presented a flag flown over the United States Capitol to retired Superior Court Judge Steve Balog and his wife, Susan Balog in honor of their daughter who lost her life during her Peace Corps service in Paraguay. Twenty-six year old Emily Balog, a Williams High School and University of North Carolina graduate, was killed in a car accident in Paraguay where she had been serving since June of 2010.

Emily was a community development volunteer who taught women how to improve business practices and how to market their local goods. In addition, she taught 10 to 12-year old children in village schools and taught teachers basic computer skills.

"I wish more people around the world could get to know Americans like Emily Balog," **Rep. Miller**

said. "She was America at our best. She will be greatly missed by the people of Paraguay with whom she was living and working side-by-side every day, and we will greatly miss the contribution she would have made here when she came home."

The Congressman presented the flag to Emily's parents at the 2012 Peace Prize ceremony which honors small North Carolina community-based non-profit groups that demonstrate the ideals of the Peace Corps – helping people to help themselves and promoting peace and cross-cultural understanding. The event was held at the Page Walker Art and History Center in Cary, North Carolina.

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