**WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD) released the following statement after the House passed a resolution giving the Gulf Oil Spill Commission subpoena power:**

“Granting subpoena power to the independent commission investigating the Gulf oil spill will ensure the most thorough review of the facts can be conducted in determining the causes of the spill and how to prevent a repeat catastrophe.  A full accounting of the facts will inform the best course of action, as well as hold those responsible to account as the American people expect. I expect today’s strong bipartisan vote will be replayed in the Senate, and hope for quick action so a full investigation can move forward.”

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