

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5) released the following statement today after Members were sworn in for the 113th Congress:

“With the swearing-in of the 113th Congress today, I look forward to continuing to represent the Fifth District of Maryland, and am hopeful that the House can refocus on the issues that matter: creating middle-class jobs, reducing deficits, and keeping Americans safe. After two years of the least-productive Congress in modern history, with little progress made on our most pressing challenges, the 113th Congress must do better. This means doing more to help our businesses compete, expand, and create well paying jobs through House Democrats’ Make It In America plan. It also means getting serious about restoring fiscal discipline to Washington in a way that ends uncertainty for businesses and families by ceasing to lurch from one crisis to the next without significant progress. We can and must do better, and a spirit of bipartisanship ought to guide us forward to achieve real results for the American people.

“I am proud to join in welcoming the new Members from across the country who bring to Washington their unique perspectives and experiences and whose energy and passion for public service will surely enhance the work of this House. I hope that both parties will work together to find solutions to our toughest challenges, starting with passing disaster relief for those affected by Superstorm Sandy – that ought to be the 113th Congress’s first order of business. I look forward to getting to work in the 113th Congress right away.”