Mankato, MN – Today, Rep. Walz released the following statement regarding President Obama's announcement that he plans to bring all US troops home from Iraq by the end of the year:

"The President's announcement today is welcome news and I am pleased this war is coming to an end. We need to reinvest right here in America, pay down our debt and rebuild our roads and bridges at home.

The brave men and women who have served our nation in uniform have done so admirably and I am incredibly proud of them. Now, more than ever, we need to commit ourselves to making sure they are taken care of when they return. We need to redouble our efforts to get them good health care, get them back to work and reintegrated into their lives.

Let us also pay tribute to those soldiers who will not return home and always keep their families in our thoughts and prayers."

Rep. Walz has called for a responsible conclusion to the war in Iraq since he first took office in 2007.