

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Rep. Harry Mitchell today said he welcomed the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's decision to hold a hearing exploring the string of misleading statements by the military following the friendly fire death of Corporal Pat Tillman in Afghanistan. [See: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0410tillman-lynch10-ON.html#> ]

Mitchell called for a Congressional investigation last month following the release of an Inspector General report that the Tillman family found unsatisfactory.

"I am pleased the House will be looking into the events that followed Corporal Tillman's tragic death. If there was a cover-up we need to get to the bottom of it. We need to know who knew what and when they knew it," said Mitchell.

"I encourage my colleagues to ask the tough questions. The American people deserve answers," said Mitchell.