WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Sam Farr released the following statement following President Obama's address to Congress:

"The president's speech showed that we have both a realist and a visionary in the White House. He's grounded in the present and can recognize the problems we must confront, but he also has the creativity and wisdom to figure out how to solve them.

"The economic recovery package the president signed last week is arguably the largest, quickest victory by any president. The stimulus provides us with the tools we need to put America back to work, and tonight's speech lays out the roadmap to get us there.

"Congress has been asked to do some heavy lifting to help put this country on the right track. I know we're up for it -- my hope is that we can put aside our partisan differences to meet the needs of the president and the people who elected him."

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