Washington, D.C. - **(April 25, 2007)** On a bipartisan vote of 380 to 45, the U.S. House of Representatives passed Congresswoman Melissa Bean's (IL-08) Small Business Lending Improvements Act (H.R. 1332), which helps small companies obtain the capital they need to invest and strengthen our economy. The legislative victory is another example of Bean's continuing efforts on behalf of the small business community. Bean spent twenty-years in the high-tech industry in both corporate America and as a small business owner before bringing her real world business perspective to Congress. As Finance and Tax Subcommittee Chairwoman of the House Small Business Committee, Bean is working to ensure that the Small Business Administration's lending initiatives are working efficiently and providing entrepreneurs with the capital they need to grow.

***VIDEO* – Bean Floor Speech:** www.house.gov/bean/videos/HR1332.wmv

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