

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Rep. Michael Honda (CA-15), Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), issued the following statement on the passing of William "Mo" Marumoto, president and CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies (APAICS):

"On behalf of CAPAC, I extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of William 'Mo' Marumoto. Mr. Marumoto was a friend, and a committed leader in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We will miss him dearly.

"Mr. Marumoto had a long, distinguished career in both government and the corporate world, recruiting senior-level executives for Fortune 500 companies and prior to that, recruiting Cabinet and sub-Cabinet positions in the Nixon White House.

"He used these years of experience to strengthen the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community by becoming president and CEO of the Asian Pacific American Institute of Congressional Studies (APAICS). There, he raised funds to triple the number of fellowships provided by APAICS, identifying young talent in the AAPI community and giving them greater opportunities on Capitol Hill and throughout federal government.

"Mr. Marumoto always saw potential in others, whether in the public or private sectors, and wished for our community to reach its own fullest potential. He received many distinguished public service awards from such organizations as the Japanese-American Citizens League, the National Multi-Cultural Institute and the Asian American Government Education Network. Additionally, he also served on the boards of AAPI organizations, such as the Board of Trustees of the Japanese American National Museum, and the National Asian Pacific Center on Aging.

"We are indebted to his contributions and will continue his work of nurturing leadership and young talent in our communities. My prayers go out to his family as he will be sorely missed by

all."

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The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) is a bicameral and bipartisan caucus of Members of Congress of Asian and Pacific Islander descent and Members who have a strong dedication to promoting the well-being of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Founded in 1994 by then Congressman Norman Mineta, and currently chaired by Congressman Michael Honda, CAPAC has been addressing the needs of the AAPI community in all areas of American life. For more information on CAPAC, please call (202) 225-2631 or visit <http://www.honda.house.gov/capac>.