

WASHINGTON, DC – The Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) congratulates Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA) on her successful campaign to succeed her late husband, Rep. Bob Matsui (D-CA), as U.S. Representative of the Sacramento-based 5th Congressional District. Rep. Matsui won by a margin of nearly 70 percent in Tuesday's election, and was officially sworn in on Thursday, March 10.

"I am excited about Doris Matsui's victory as the first Asian Pacific American woman to be elected from the continental U.S., and I welcome her as a newly inducted member of CAPAC" said Rep. Mike Honda, Chair of CAPAC. "I look forward to working with her as we tackle critical issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community such as defending Social Security against privatization and ensuring access to quality health care."

"I watched Rep. Doris Matsui's maiden speech on the House floor yesterday with admiration and respect for her strength of character, understated passion, and deep commitment to her heritage, family and district and to our country," said Rep. Ed Case (D-HI), CAPAC Whip. "I have no doubt she will be a true advocate for our Asian-Pacific American community and a true leader of all citizens in our U.S. House."

"Doris Matsui's victory is a victory for all Americans who are concerned about Social Security reform and access to quality healthcare," said Congressman David Wu (D-OR). "I am proud to have her as a colleague and look forward to working with her on these and other important issues."

"Doris Matsui brings to Congress a wealth of experience and talent that will greatly benefit the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and other communities across America," said Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU). "With her election to Congress, CAPAC and the Women's Caucus have gained another valuable member and I look forward to working with her."

"It's a real pleasure to welcome Representative Doris Matsui to Congress. I look forward to serving with her. She has the experience and talent to be an effective advocate for her constituents. She's going to play an important role in our efforts on behalf of working families," said Rep. Neil Abercrombie (D-HI).

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (CA) announced yesterday that she will appoint Congresswoman Matsui to the House Rules Committee.

"It was truly an honor to work with my dear friend, the late Rep. Bob Matsui, and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to work with the Matsui family," Honda said. "Rep. Doris Matsui is a woman who embodies passion and leadership, and I look forward to collaborating with her in both the Democratic Party and CAPAC."

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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> .