

Washington, D.C. - Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-05) renewed her call today for Americans to participate in a national day of service on Monday, January 19th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Service projects are going on throughout the country, including a food drive being sponsored by the Corporation of National and Community Service for Members of Congress and staff to donate to local food banks in Washington, D.C. Members also voted in support of H.Res 43, a bipartisan resolution offered by Reps. Matsui, Todd Platts (PA-19) and David Price (NC-04) recognizing the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promoting the holiday as a day of national service.

As a Co-Chair of the National Service Caucus, Rep. Matsui has been an advocate and leader on national service issues. Congresswoman Matsui has continued to promote service locally, participating in numerous events with service members who clean parks, build homes, tutor children and assist first responders during fires and other natural disasters.

“It is my hope that this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of National Service marks a starting point that will continue throughout the year and engage millions of Americans in a new commitment to service,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “This year's day of service is just one day before the inauguration of President-elect Obama and provides a unique opportunity to reach millions of Americans with a message to serve. Today, I join with President-elect Obama in calling for a renewed spirit of service for all Americans.

“This coming Monday, millions of Americans will participate in thousands of service projects across the country. Thousands more will come to our nation's capital, to see history in the making, and answer our President-elect's call to serve. As we embark on a new era of optimism and hope for a better tomorrow, we should start our journey by not only observing

change, but by honoring the legacy of Dr. King and actively creating it. I will be participating in service events , and I encourage Sacramento residents, and all Americans, to visit <http://www.mlkday.gov/> to find out about local service events occurring near you."

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