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Rep. Doris Matsui On Mayor Johnson's Volunteer Initiative

Calls for Renewed Commitment to Service in Wake of Recession

Sacramento - Rep. Doris Matsui (CA-05) renewed her call today for Americans to participate in community service in the wake of challenging economic times. 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 build homes, tutor children, clean parks and assist first responders during fires and other natural disasters

Congresswoman Matsui also introduced House Resolution 43 earlier this year, which recognizes the efforts of those who serve their communities on Martin Luther King Day and promotes the holiday as a day of national service. As the Honorary Chair of Volunteer Sacramento, Rep. Matsui released the following letter today in support of the Mayor Kevin Johnson's initiative:

Dear Friends,

As your representative in Congress and as Co-Chair of the Congressional National Service Caucus it is an honor to support Mayor Kevin Johnson's efforts to increase volunteerism in our city.

From our nation's beginning, Americans have always valued service and giving back to the communities that we are from. Sacramento is no different, as the spirit of volunteerism has always defined our city. We are privileged to be home to AmeriCorps*NCCC's western headquarters, hundreds of community based non-profits and countless individuals that are committed to improving the lives of others. I am confident that this new initiative, which is designed to further enhance that spirit of volunteerism, will enjoy your support.

I look forward to working with you to help this initiative be a resounding success, a success that our city can be proud of.

Best regards,

Doris O. Matsui

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