



Daughters of Penelope
1909 Q Street, NW
Suite 400
Washington, DC 20009

Phone: 202.234.9741
Fax: 202.483.6983
Web: www.ahepa.org/dop
E-mail: dophq@ahepa.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Congress Introduces Legislation to Commemorate 80th Anniversary of Daughters of Penelope

WASHINGTON (March 9, 2009) – Legislation has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a preeminent international women’s organization, announced Grand President Barbara Stavis Wolf.

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-14-NY), co-founder and co-chair of the Hellenic Caucus, is the original sponsor of the legislation, H.Res.209, which was introduced March 4, 2009. With the assistance of Rep. Maloney and Hellenic Caucus Co-Chair U.S. Rep. Gus M. Bilirakis (R-9-FL), the legislation was introduced with nine original co-sponsors. As of March 9, the legislation has 14 co-sponsors.

“We appreciate the effort and support of Representatives Maloney and Bilirakis to commemorate this momentous occasion in the history of the Daughters of Penelope,” said Stavis Wolf. “We thank our original co-sponsors, and we look forward to working with our friends on Capitol Hill to move this bill.”

She added, “Our members are excited and thrilled with this endeavor. We will need the support of the Greek American community to help pass this legislation.”

A senate version of the resolution is expected to be introduced soon.

Legislation Part of Grassroots Outreach Campaign

The Daughters of Penelope will rally around H.Res.209, utilizing it as integral part of a broader campaign to encourage grassroots outreach to members of Congress.

“Our Grand Lodge is encouraging our chapters to request meetings with members of Congress in their congressional districts, or alternatively, invite members of Congress to attend and speak at a chapter event,” said Stavis Wolf. “It is important that the community open and sustain a successful dialogue with our legislators, and we view this as doing our part to help with this effort.”

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

For more information about the Daughters of Penelope,
or any of its programs or projects, please visit www.ahepa.org/dop.

###