

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, executive board members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus issued the following statements enthusiastically welcoming California State Board of Equalization member Judy Chu to Congress. Chu is the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress, and the twelfth Asian American and Pacific Islander to serve our nation in the 111th Congress.

**Rep. Mike Honda, CAPAC Chair:** “I offer my heartfelt congratulations to my dear friend, Judy Chu. Judy has been a strong advocate on behalf of America’s working families and communities, and has proven herself as a leader who can build broad-based coalitions. She brings strong expertise from her tenure on the California Board of Equalization that will be critical as we fight to preserve American jobs and strengthen our economy. Congress will gain much from what Judy has to offer. With pride, I look forward to inviting her to join our ranks as a member of Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.”

**Rep. Eni Faleomavaega, CAPAC Vice Chair:** “It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Dr. Judy Chu on her successful election into Congress. Congresswoman Chu’s diverse background, as a professor, Mayor and State Assembly Member of Monterey Park, and as a member of the California State Board of Equalization, will bring a truly unique viewpoint to the important issues currently facing Congress. With over twenty years serving areas of the California 32nd District, Congresswoman Chu will represent them well in Congress. I look forward to working with her on finding solutions to the many issues and pressing problems afflicting not only our Asian and Pacific American community but all Americans.”

**Rep. Madeleine Z. Bordallo, CAPAC Secretary:** “I am pleased to welcome Judy Chu to Congress. She makes history today being the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress. I know that the wealth of her experiences will enhance the work we do on behalf of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. I look forward to working with her on these and other issues important to all Americans.”

**Rep. Anh “Joseph” Cao:** “Congratulations to Judy on her recent and historic victory. It will be an honor to serve with her, and I look forward to working with her in Congress to improve the

nation's economy, health care system, educational system, and to keep our nation safe.”

**Rep. Al Green:** “During these challenging times, Judy Chu is exactly the kind of leader we need on Capitol Hill. She is capable, competent and qualified. The San Gabriel Valley is fortunate to have such a committed, passionate and dedicated public servant. I welcome Judy Chu to Congress and look forward to working with her to build a better and stronger America.”

**Rep. Mazie Hirono:** “Congratulations to Judy Chu on her election to the U.S. House of Representatives. I have known Judy for a number of years and know that she will be a strong, effective advocate for her district. We’ve had a handful of historic firsts in Congress during these past two election cycles; the first woman Speaker of the House, the first Muslim Congressman, the first Buddhist Representatives. And now, we can proudly add the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress to that list, illustrating the growing trend toward diversity in ‘The People’s House’.”

**Rep. Doris Matsui:** “I offer my sincere congratulations to my good friend, Judy Chu on her election to the US Congress. I believe the people of San Gabriel Valley will find a hard-working, compassionate, and effective representative in Judy and are continuing their tradition of sending excellent public servants to Washington.”

**Rep. Robert C. “Bobby” Scott:** “I congratulate Representative-elect Chu on her decisive and historic victory,” said Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA), Civil Rights Task Force Chair. “I look forward to working with her. I am confident she will be a great advocate for her constituents.”

**Rep. David Wu:** “I am delighted by Judy Chu’s historic election to Congress, which will double the number of Chinese Americans in the House of Representatives. Judy will bring a wealth of experience in public office and a passion for serving the people of the San Gabriel Valley, and I look forward to working with her in the coming months and years.”

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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> .*