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Daughters of Penelope Honors Berkley, Titus with Salute Award

WASHINGTON (August 27, 2012)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a leading international women’s organization, presented U.S. Congresswoman Shelley Berkley and former Congresswoman and Educator Dina Titus with its “Salute to Women” Award, July 26, 2012, at the 90th AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, Las Vegas, Nev. Then-Grand President Nicky Stamoulis and “Salute to Women” Chairwoman and Past Grand President Angie Speliopoulos presented the “Salute to Women” Award to the honorees.

“We congratulate and honor two women of Greek heritage who have achieved great heights in their respective careers,” said Newly-elected Grand President Joanne Saltas. “Both of our honorees have a fond appreciation for Hellenic ideals, especially the value they place upon education and public service. They also place significant emphasis and take pride in their Hellenic heritage.”

Grand President Saltas also commended the work of Chairwoman Speliopoulos and her organizing committee.

Congresswoman Berkley is serving her seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives. She has represented Nevada’s First Congressional District since 1999. She became the first member of her family to attend college when she enrolled as an undergraduate at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). The congresswoman earned her law degree in 1976 from the University of San Diego School of Law. Congresswoman Berkley traces her roots to the Jewish community of Thessaloniki, Greece where her maternal grandmother and family lived. The congresswoman is a staunch advocate for Greek American issues in Congress.

Former U.S. Congresswoman Dina Titus dedicated her entire professional life to education and public service. She taught American and Nevada government classes at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) for 34 years, until her retirement in June 2011. She represented the people of Senate District 7 in the Nevada Legislature for 20 years, serving as the Democratic Minority Leader from 1993 to 2008. Dina was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Nevada's Third Congressional District in November 2008. Fully embracing her Hellenic heritage, she has visited Athens, Meteora, Delphi, and many of the beautiful islands, gaining a deeper understanding of the country's regions, ruins, museums, and cuisine. As a proud Greek, Titus has spoken out in favor of Hellenism in the classroom and during her public service.



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The “Salute to Women” Award is the organization’s most prestigious one. Previous recipients have included: Senator Olympia Snowe (when she was in the House); Ambassador Shirley Temple Black; former First Lady Betty Ford; Ambassador Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis (now Cyprus

foreign minister); Senator Margaret Chase Smith (the very first recipient of the award); Actress Betty White; former Foreign Minister of Greece and former Athens Mayor Dora Bakoyannis; former Under Secretary of the Navy Barbara Spyridon Pope, and former CBS Anchorwoman Thalia Assuras, Dr. Christine Warnke, among countless others.

Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope is the first women’s organization of its kind established in the United States. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).

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

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