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Congressman Bonner Visits Penelope House Family Violence Center

WASHINGTON (September 12, 2012)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a leading international women’s organization, welcomes news that U.S. Rep. Jo Bonner (R-AL) visited Penelope House Family Violence Center, September 5, 2012, announced Grand President Joanne Saltas. Penelope House is located in Mobile, Ala., which is in the congressman’s congressional district.

“We thank Congressman Bonner for taking time to visit Penelope House and meet with its staff,” said Grand President Joanne Saltas. “The congressman demonstrated significant interest in the work of Penelope House and the issues confronting domestic violence victims by engaging with Penelope House staff. I commend the administrators of Penelope House for a well-organized, thorough, and enlightening presentation to the congressman.”

Saltas added Penelope House’s administrators were able to speak to the merits of federal programs provided by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and how grants from these programs benefit Penelope House and the Mobile community.

Congressman Bonner, who is a member of the Congressional Victims’ Rights Caucus and an appropriator, expressed a desire to help the caucus grow by encouraging members of the Alabama congressional delegation to join it.

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).

About Penelope House

Penelope House is a non-profit organization established in 1979 by the Daughters of Penelope to help victims of domestic violence regain social and economic independence. The Family Violence Center is the only shelter for battered women and children in Mobile, Alabama, although services currently span across Mobile and Washington counties in Alabama. The mission of Penelope House is to provide safety, protection, and support to the victims of Domestic Violence and their children through the provision of shelter, advocacy, and individual and community education. When it opened its doors in 1979, Penelope House was the first



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domestic violence shelter in Alabama. For more information, please visit,
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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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