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The Daughters of Penelope Applauds Congresswoman Titus Joining the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus

WASHINGTON (February 25, 2010)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a premier international women's organization, welcomed news yesterday that U.S. Rep. Dina Titus (D-NV) joined the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus, announced Grand President Elaine M. Sampanis.

"We applaud Congresswoman Titus for joining the Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus," said Sampanis. "We look forward to working with her and we hope more members will join the caucus."

She added, "The Victims' Rights Caucus is an important one to our organization because domestic violence issues fall under its scope. Therefore, given our support of domestic violence victims, it is vital for the caucus to grow in numbers giving it greater strength to protect these women and children."

For decades, the Daughters of Penelope has had a vested interest in the issue of domestic violence, supporting local shelters and the victims they house all across the country. In 1979, the DOP sponsored Penelope House, a nationally-recognized model shelter located in Mobile, Ala. It was the first of its kind in Alabama. In October 2009, the DOP opened its second nationally sponsored shelter, Penelope's Place, in Brockton, Mass.

The bipartisan Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus was formed in 2005 to be an advocate and voice in Congress for victims of all types of crime, including domestic violence. It is co-chaired by its founder, U.S. Rep. Ted Poe (R-TX) and U.S. Rep. Jim Costa (D-CA).

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

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