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U.S. Senate Passes Resolution Commemorating 80th Anniversary of Daughters of Penelope

WASHINGTON (March 26, 2010)—Today, the U.S. Senate passed a resolution commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a premier international women’s organization, announced Grand President Elaine M. Sampanis.

“We are deeply honored and humbled that the U.S. Senate passed a resolution commemorating the anniversary of our founding and acknowledging the contributions of Greek Americans to our society,” said Sampanis. “It was also fitting the resolution passed during the week commemorating the 189th anniversary of Greek Independence. We are grateful to Senator Olympia Snowe, and her fine staff, for their hard work and effort to pass this resolution.”

Sen. Snowe (R-ME) was the original sponsor of the legislation, S.Res.117, which was introduced April 29, 2009. U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) was a co-sponsor.

Sampanis added, “Our members are excited and thrilled. Passage of this resolution could not have been possible without their civic involvement as well as the vision set forth by Past Grand Presidents Karen Stamatziades and Barbara Stavis Wolf.”

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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