

COMMEMORATION OF THE 90TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAUGHTERS
OF PENELOPE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 6, 2019

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark an important anniversary. Last month, the Daughters of Penelope, an international woman's organization and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA), celebrated its 90th anniversary on November 16. Founded in San Francisco, the Daughters of Penelope originally worked to improve the status and well-being of women and their families. They also sought to provide women with the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities and country. After successfully achieving many of their early goals, the Daughters of Penelope now promote the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, and family and individual excellence, achieved through community service and volunteerism.

I am a proud Greek-American. As a young boy, my grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles instilled in me an appreciation for our beautiful Greek culture, which focuses on family, community, and faith. As Co-Chairman of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, it is with great pride that I see these values shine through the Daughters of Penelope today, across all its 250 chapters worldwide. Through the exceptional Penelope House in Mobile, Alabama and Penelope's Place in Brookton, Massachusetts, the organization vigorously supports efforts to combat domestic violence in Greece as well as the United States. The development of these shelters brought renewed hope to many areas with suffering families who previously did not have access to the same level of care.

As a member on the Health Subcommittee of the Energy and Commerce Committee, I am impressed with the organization's efforts to provide financial support and raise awareness for medical research on treatments for breast cancer, Thalassemia (Cooley's anemia), muscular dystrophy, and Alzheimer's disease. The Daughters of Penelope are also a leading sponsor of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 202 Housing for the Elderly Program, which offers affordable housing to senior citizens in Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota and Texas. Recently, the Daughters of Penelope has also demonstrated support for senior nutrition and isolation with support for Meals on Wheels of America.

In addition to helping the elderly, the Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., supports the educational objectives of the Daughters of Penelope by providing tens of thousands of dollars annually for scholarships, sponsoring educational seminars, and donating children's books to schools, shelters and churches through the "Penelope's Books" program. After ninety meaningful and productive years, it excites me to see what the Daughters of Penelope will accomplish and how they will help our country and our culture in the next ninety years.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH AN-
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OF PENELOPE

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with many other colleagues on the Congressional Hellenic Caucus to recognize and honor the many great deeds of the Daughters of Penelope on the organization's 90th Anniversary.

The Daughters of Penelope is a preeminent international women's service association and affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. It was founded on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. Today, it is a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes that works to improve the status and well-being of women and their families and to empower women to make significant contributions to their communities and our country.

The mission of the Daughters of Penelope is to promote the ideals of ancient Greece, philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism. Over its history, the Daughters of Penelope has achieved remarkable accomplishments. The group has strengthened the status of women in society, sheltered the elderly and victims of domestic violence, educated our youth, promoted Hellenic heritage, and raised funds for medical research.

It is hard to ignore the positive impact the Daughters of Penelope has had in communities throughout the United States—including a strong presence in New Jersey's 6th Congressional District, where I am proud to represent two chapters, Aulis No. 195 in Asbury Park and Tethys No. 229 in New Brunswick. The Daughters of Penelope promotes awareness and provides financial support for many medical research and charitable organizations such as the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (formerly the Papanicolaou Cancer Center), cancer and breast cancer research; Thalassemia (Cooley's Anemia), Lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM), Alzheimer's Foundation, American Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy, and many others.

Once again, I offer my sincere congratulations to the Daughters of Penelope for 90 years of incredible service to our country and its strong promotion of U.S.-Greek and U.S.-Cypriot relations. May its next 90 years be as prayerful, fulfilling, and successful as the last.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
PENELOPE

HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I am pleased today to congratulate the Daughters of Penelope on the 90th anniversary of its founding and commend the organization for its commitment to public service and civic engagement.

Since its founding in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope has been a preeminent organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes. The Daughters of Penelope works to improve the status and well-being of women and their families and to provide women the opportunity to make significant contributions to their communities.

By providing financial support and assistance to victims of natural disasters, donating children's books to libraries and schools and contributing to the preservation of our national landmarks, the Daughters of Penelope has truly made a lasting impact on American society.

The Daughters of Penelope instills in all its members the spirit of philotimo, a belief in civic duty and volunteerism. I am proud to honor the Daughters today, and I believe that this organization will remain a pillar in communities across the country for years to come.

I congratulate the Daughters of Penelope for all its accomplishments, and I thank the organization for its commitment to public service.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE 90TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 23, 2019

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Daughters of Penelope, in honor of the upcoming 90th anniversary of the organization. The Daughters of Penelope promotes the ideals and traditions of Hellenism in America, focusing on service to one's community.

For nearly a century, they have remained steadfast in promoting the rich traditions of Hellenism, civic responsibility, and family through their philanthropic and educational efforts. The Daughters of Penelope have not only maintained these traditions within the Greek community, but also shared them with our larger communities and without a doubt made them a better place for everyone to work and live.

On behalf of my constituents in New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I want to thank the Daughters of Penelope for the decades of commitment to our shared ideals. I hope they all enjoy celebrating this exciting milestone.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE DAUGHTERS OF
PENELOPE

HON. DINA TITUS

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 21, 2019

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, as the only Greek woman in Congress, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of the Daughters of Penelope. This distinguished organization was founded on November 16, 1929, in San Francisco, with the mission of improving the well-being of Greek women and providing them with opportunities to make significant contributions to American society.

Over the past 90 years, Daughters of Penelope has grown into a leading international organization of women of Hellenic descent and Philhellenes, recognized and respected worldwide for its scholarship programs and public advocacy.

I commend this organization for promoting the ideals of ancient Greece: philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, good citizenship, and family and individual excellence. Their incredible work is seen in efforts to combat domestic violence in the United States and Greece, sponsorship of affordable and dignified housing for seniors, financial support for medical research and communities affected by natural disasters, contributions to Meals on Wheels, and support for the rebuilding of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at World Trade Center.

I am proud to work with them on these important issues and look forward to continuing our partnership to empower the next generation of female Hellenic leaders.

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THANK YOU, U.S. REPRESENTATIVES!