



# Asian Pacific Americans in the United States Congress

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## Summary

In the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, a record 12 Asian Pacific Americans were elected to the United States Congress: 2 Senators, 8 Representatives, and 2 Delegates. Of the 40 Asian Pacific Americans who have served in Congress from 1903 to the present, there have been 5 Senators (3 of whom have also served in the House), 15 Representatives, 7 territorial Delegates, and 13 Resident Commissioners from the Philippine Islands. Resident Commissioners served from 1907-1946 while the Philippines was a U.S. territory and commonwealth (all were Philippine born). Of the 27 Asian Pacific Americans who were not resident commissioners, 18 were Democrats and 9 were Republicans.

The ancestry of these Asian Pacific Americans has included Chinese, Chamorro, Filipino, Asian Indian, Japanese, Korean, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, and Vietnamese. They have represented California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. They have served in leadership positions, including committee and subcommittee chairmanships.

This report presents information on Senators, Representatives, and Delegates, including party affiliations, length and dates of service, and committee assignments. The bipartisan and bicameral Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus is also discussed in this report. It will be updated in each new Congress when information becomes available, or as events warrant.

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## Introduction

In the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, a record 12 Asian Pacific Americans<sup>1</sup> were elected to the United States Congress: 2 Senators, 8 Representatives, and 2 Delegates. Of these 12 Members, 4 new Asian Pacific Americans were elected: Representative Steve Austria (R-OH), a first-generation Filipino American elected to Congress; Representative Anh “Joseph” Quang Cao (R-LA), the first Vietnamese American to be elected to Congress; Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-N.Marianas), the first delegate elected to represent the Northern Mariana Islands; and Representative Judy Chu, the first Chinese American woman elected to Congress. Representative Chu was elected by special election on July 14, 2009.<sup>2</sup>

Standard sources<sup>3</sup> identify a total of 40 Asian Pacific Americans elected to Congress from 1903 to the present. Of these 40, there have been 5 Senators (3 of whom have also served in the House), 15 Representatives, 7 territorial Delegates, and 13 Resident Commissioners from the Philippine Islands. Resident Commissioners served from 1907-1946 while the Philippines was a U.S. territory and commonwealth (all were Philippine born).<sup>4</sup> Of the 27 Asian Pacific Americans who were not Resident Commissioners, 18 were Democrats<sup>5</sup> and 9 were Republicans. The ancestry of these Asian Pacific Americans has included Chinese, Chamorro, Filipino, Asian Indian, Japanese, Korean, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, and Vietnamese.<sup>6</sup> These Asian Pacific Americans have

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<sup>1</sup> The designation “Asian Pacific American” is commonly used to identify a person having origins in East Asia, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, Vietnam, and the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It is also the term used for the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, founded in May 1994, and refers to those who have self-identified themselves as such. In this report, the “Asian Pacific American” designation encompasses a wide range of ethnic and national identities, rather than a purely geographic designation. Thus, it does not include those of Australian or New Zealand ancestry, for example. As promulgated by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, the official terms to be used in designating these Americans for federal reporting purposes are “Asians” and “Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.” U.S. Office of Management and Budget, “Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity,” *Federal Register*, vol. 62, no. 210, October 30, 1997, pp. 58782-58790.

<sup>2</sup> A vacancy occurred when Rep. Hilda Solis resigned from the House on February 24, 2009, to serve as Secretary of the Department of Labor.

<sup>3</sup> Sources for the information on Asian Pacific Americans presented in this report included the Biographical Directory of the United States Congress, 1774-present available at <http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>; The Almanac of American Politics 2000; Politics in America 2000; and various editions of the Congressional Directory. Information on ancestry was provided to these source books by the Members.

<sup>4</sup> The Philippine Islands were part of territory ceded to the United States by Spain under the Treaty of Paris of December 10, 1898. The Act of July 1902 granted the Philippine Islands the right to elect two Resident Commissioners to the United States Congress. Historically, U.S. territories were granted nonvoting Delegates to the Congress prior to statehood. Congress distinguished between the territories acquired after the Spanish-American War and those bound for statehood. Thus, Congress provided for “resident commissioners” to the United States from Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Resident Commissioners were not accorded the same status as nonvoting Delegates, although, it should be noted, the rights of Delegates have changed over time. Resident Commissioners from the Philippines were granted floor privileges in the House with the right of debate on February 4, 1908. However, they did not have the right to vote or to serve on standing committees. When the Philippine Islands became a self-governing commonwealth, in transition to full sovereignty in 1935, the number of Resident Commissioners was reduced from two to one. On July 14, 1946, the Philippines became fully independent and the office of Resident Commissioner was terminated (P.L. 73-127). For the purposes of this study, a separate table listing Resident Commissioners from the Philippines is included at the end of the report.

<sup>5</sup> Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan was elected as an Independent to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, and changed from an Independent to a Democrat on February 23, 2009.

<sup>6</sup> Sen. Daniel K. Akaka is Native Hawaiian and also Chinese American; Representative Robert Scott (D-VA) is African (continued...)

represented California, Hawaii, Louisiana, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands.<sup>7</sup> Eight Asian Pacific Americans have represented Hawaii, and seven have represented California. They have served in leadership positions, including committee and subcommittee chairmanships.

The first Asian Pacific American Member of Congress was Representative Dalip Singh Saund (D-CA), an immigrant from India who served in the House from 1957 to 1963. The first Asian Pacific American Senator elected to Congress was Hiram Leong Fong (R-HI), who was seated on August 24, 1959, as one of Hawaii's first two Senators after its admission to the Union. Senator Fong also was the first American of Chinese ancestry elected to Congress. Early in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole represented the territory of Hawaii from 1903 to 1922 as a non-voting Delegate to the House. He was related to the Hawaiian royal family, and also held the title of prince.

Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI), a Member of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, is the Asian Pacific American with the longest congressional service. He was the first American of Japanese ancestry to be elected to Congress, and he was Hawaii's first Member of the House after its admission to the Union. He began his service on August 24, 1959, and was subsequently elected in 1962 to the Senate, where he has served since January 3, 1963.

There have been only five Asian Pacific American women who have served in Congress. Representative Mazie Hirono (D-HI) joined Representative Doris O. Matsui<sup>8</sup> (D-CA) in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, and both were reelected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. Representative Judy Chu was elected to the House in a special election in the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress.<sup>9</sup> The other two were Representative Patsy T. Mink (D-HI), the first Asian Pacific American woman to be elected to Congress, and Representative Patricia Fukuda Saiki (R-HI).

This report presents information on Senators, Representatives, and Delegates, including party affiliations, length and dates of service, and committee assignments. It also discusses the bipartisan and bicameral Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC).

## **Background and Previous Occupations**

Many of the Asian Pacific Americans have had similar educational and professional backgrounds. Nine have been educators, including two high school principals, three college professors, and two presidents of a state college and a university system. Ten have held law degrees or practiced law; two have also been judges. Many have held elected state or local offices before seeking a

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American with Filipino ancestry; Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-N. Marianas) is Chamorro with Hispanic and English ancestry; and Delegate Robert Underwood (D-Guam) is Chamorro and also Hispanic.

<sup>7</sup> Legislation was enacted to provide for the election of one Delegate from the Northern Mariana Islands (P.L. 110-229).

<sup>8</sup> Rep. Doris Matsui won a special election on March 8, 2005, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband Rep. Robert T. Matsui (D-CA), who had been elected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, on January 1, 2005.

<sup>9</sup> Rep. Judy Chu won a special election on July 14, 2009, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Hilda Solis.

congressional seat: 11 have served in state legislatures, two were lieutenant governors, and three have been mayors.

Eleven Asian Pacific Americans have U.S. military experience, and two have served in other armed forces. One was a brigadier general. Some were decorated war veterans, including one Medal of Honor recipient.

## **Leadership in Committees and Subcommittees**

Three Asian Pacific Americans have chaired committees—Senators Inouye<sup>10</sup> and Akaka<sup>11</sup> and Representative Norman Y. Mineta.<sup>12</sup> Eight Asian Pacific Americans have chaired subcommittees—Senators Inouye, Akaka, and Matsunaga;<sup>13</sup> Representatives Jay C. Kim,<sup>14</sup> Norman Y. Mineta, Robert C. Scott, David Wu; and Delegate Eni F. H. Faleomavaega. In addition, Representative Robert T. Matsui served as acting chair of a subcommittee.

In the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, several Asian Pacific Americans chair committees and subcommittees. In the Senate, Senator Inouye is chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. Senator Akaka is chair of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee and is also the chair of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia. In the House, Representative Scott is chair of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security. Representative Wu<sup>15</sup> is chair of the House Science and Technology Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, and Delegate Faleomavaega is chair of

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<sup>10</sup> Senator Inouye has held other leadership positions prior to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, he chaired the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, and also chaired the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. When the Democrats gained the majority in the Senate in June 2001 (107<sup>th</sup> Congress), Senator Inouye became chair of the Committee on Indian Affairs. He also assumed the chair of the Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, and the chair of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Communications. Senator Inouye was the first chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence from 1976 to 1977, and was the Senate chair of the Secret Military Assistance to Iran and Nicaragua Opposition Select Committee (Iran-Contra Committee) from 1987 to 1988. From 1987 to 1994, he was chairman of the Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Senator Inouye has also chaired the following Senate subcommittees: the Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on the District of Columbia (1971-1972), Foreign Operations (1973-1980, 1987-1988), and Defense (1989-1994); the Senate Commerce Subcommittees on Foreign Commerce and Tourism (1971-1976), Merchant Marine and Tourism (1977-1980), and Communications (1987-1994); and the Intelligence Subcommittee on Budget Authorization (1979-1980).

<sup>11</sup> In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, Senator Akaka chaired the Veterans' Affairs Committee and also chaired three subcommittees: the Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support; the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia; and the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks Prior to the current Congress. In June of 2001 (107<sup>th</sup> Congress), he became chair of three subcommittees: the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, the Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, and the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services.

<sup>12</sup> Rep. Mineta was chair of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee (1993-1994). Prior to chairing the full committee, he chaired the Subcommittees on Public Buildings and Grounds (1977-1978), Oversight and Review (1979-1980), Aviation (1980-1989), and Surface Transportation (1990-1992).

<sup>13</sup> Sen. Matsunaga was chair of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Tourism and Sugar (1977-1980).

<sup>14</sup> In the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representative Jay C. Kim (R-CA), the first Korean American to be elected to Congress, chaired the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Economic Development.

<sup>15</sup> Rep. Wu is the first Chinese American to represent a district on the U.S. mainland.

the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and the Global Environment. All of the House subcommittee chairs held the same leadership positions in the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress.

## **Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus**

The bicameral and bipartisan Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) was established on May 16, 1994. According to CAPAC's website, since its founding, CAPAC has continued its commitment to promote and secure equal rights for not only Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, but all Americans; and to educate other Members about the history, contributions, and concerns of Asian Pacific Americans. Representative Mineta, one of the founders of the caucus, served as the first chair of CAPAC. Upon Representative Mineta's resignation from the House, Representative Mink became chair of the caucus and served in that position through the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress. In both the 104<sup>th</sup> and 105<sup>th</sup> Congresses, Delegate Robert Underwood was vice chair of the caucus, and Senator Akaka served as secretary of the caucus. In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, Delegate Underwood chaired the caucus, Representative Wu served as vice chair, and Senator Inouye served as secretary. In the 107<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representative Wu served as caucus chair, Representative Michael M. Honda served as vice chair, and Senator Inouye continued as secretary. In the first session of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representatives Wu and Honda continued as chair and vice chair, respectively. In the second session, Representative Honda became chair, Delegate Faleomavaega became vice chair, Delegate Madeleine Bordallo became secretary, and Representative Ed Case became whip. In the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representatives Honda and Case and Delegates Faleomavaega and Bordallo were all reelected to the same positions. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representative Honda and Delegates Faleomavaega and Bordallo continued in their 109<sup>th</sup> Congress positions.

In the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress, Representative Honda was again reelected chair of CAPAC. Delegates Faleomavaega and Bordallo were also reelected to their respective positions as Vice Chair and Secretary. The Executive Board members are Senators Akaka and Inouye, Representatives Neil Abercrombie, Xavier Becerra, Anh "Joseph" Quang Cao, Al Green, Mazie Hirono, Doris Matsui, Robert Scott, David Wu, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan. According to its November 11, 2008, press release,<sup>16</sup> CAPAC's top priorities in the 111th Congress include the economy, education, immigration, healthcare, and benefits for Filipino WWII veterans. CAPAC has established task forces to address these issues. Representative Scott chairs the Task Force on Civil Rights; Representative Wu chairs the Task Force on Education; Delegate Bordallo chairs the Task Force on Health Care; Representative Green chairs the Task Force on Housing; and Representative Neil Abercrombie chairs the Task Force on Immigration. Native Hawaiian sovereignty is also listed among its priorities.<sup>17</sup> Membership to the caucus is not restricted to those of Asian Pacific ancestry; the caucus is open to all Members of Congress. Currently, 30 Members have joined CAPAC.<sup>18</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> The press release is available at [http://www.house.gov/list/speech/ca15\\_honda/officers.html](http://www.house.gov/list/speech/ca15_honda/officers.html).

<sup>17</sup> Details about CAPAC's task forces are available at <http://honda.house.gov/capac/priorities.shtml>.

<sup>18</sup> More information about CAPAC is available at <http://honda.house.gov/capac>.

## Tables and Data

This report also provides a list of selected biographical information about 27 Asian Pacific American Members and Delegates, and their committee assignments during their tenure. Four tables summarize information about the 40 Asian Pacific Americans who have served in Congress.

**Table 1** shows the Congress, the dates, and the name of the Members and Delegates who served in the House and Senate. **Table 2** shows the state or territory, the number of Members and Delegates elected from the state or territory, and their names. **Table 3** reflects the Congress, years, total number of Members and Delegates, and the number of Members and Delegates in the House and Senate. Finally, **Table 4** lists Resident Commissioners from the Philippine Islands, the Congresses in which they served, and the dates of their service.

Information on committee assignments and leadership positions was obtained from various editions of the Congressional Directory, various editions of the Official Alphabetical List of the House of Representatives of the United States, various editions of the Congressional Yellow Book (a publication of Leadership Directories, Inc.), information on Member websites, and telephone calls to Member offices.



## **Alphabetical Listing of Asian Pacific American Members and Delegates, Selected Biographical Information, and Committee Assignments During Their Tenure in Office<sup>19</sup>**

**AKAKA, DANIEL KAHIKINA.** Democrat; a Representative and Senator from Hawaii. Born on September 11, 1924. Elected to the House of Representatives for the 95<sup>th</sup>-101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1977, to May 15, 1990. Appointed to the Senate in 1990 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Spark Matsunaga and subsequently elected by special election to the Senate in November 1990. Reelected in 1994, 2000, and 2006; has served in the Senate since May 16, 1990.

### *Committee Assignments*

- H. Agriculture
- H. Appropriations
- H. Merchant Marine and Fisheries
- \* S. Armed Services
- \* S. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
- S. Energy and Natural Resources
- \* S. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
- \* S. Indian Affairs
- \* S. Veterans' Affairs, Chair
- S. Select Committee on Ethics

**AUSTRIA, STEVE.** Republican; a Representative from Ohio. Born October 12, 1958. Elected to 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 2009.

### *Committee Assignments*

- \* H. Budget
- \* H. Homeland Security

**BLAZ, BEN GARRIDO.** Republican; a Delegate from Guam. Born on February 14, 1928. Elected to the 99<sup>th</sup>-102<sup>nd</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1985, to January 3, 1993.

### *Committee Assignments*

- H. Armed Services
- H. Interior and Insular Affairs

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<sup>19</sup> Asterisks indicate current committee assignments.

**CAO, ANH “JOSEPH” QUANG.** Republican; a Representative from Louisiana. Born on March 13, 1967. First Vietnamese American to be elected to Congress. Elected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress; has served since January 3, 2009.

*Committee Assignments*

- \* H. Homeland Security
- \*H. Oversight and Government Reform
- \* H. Transportation and Infrastructure

**CHU, JUDY.** Democrat; a Representative from California. Born on July 7, 1953. First Chinese American woman to be elected to Congress. Elected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress by special election on July 14, 2009, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Representative Hilda Solis; has served since July 14, 2009.

*Committee Assignment*

- \*H. Education and Labor
- \*H. Judiciary
- \*H. Oversight and Government Reform

**FALEOMAVAEGA, ENI F. H.** Democrat; a Delegate from American Samoa. Born August 15, 1943. Elected to the 100<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since January 3, 1989.

*Committee Assignments*

- H. Interior and Insular Affairs
- H. Education and Labor
- \* H. Foreign Affairs
- \* H. Natural Resources
- H. Small Business

**FONG, HIRAM LEONG.** Republican; a Senator from Hawaii. Born on October 15, 1906; died on August 18, 2004. First Asian Pacific American elected to the Senate and first American of Chinese ancestry elected to Congress. Elected to the Senate in 1959 upon the admission of Hawaii to the Union, reelected in 1964 and 1970; served from August 21, 1959, to January 3, 1977.

*Committee Assignments*

- S. Appropriations
- S. Interior and Insular Affairs
- S. Judiciary
- S. Post Office and Civil Service
- S. Public Works

**HAYAKAWA, SAMUEL ICHIYE.** Republican; a Senator from California. Born on July 18, 1906; died on February 26, 1992. Elected to the Senate in 1976; served from January 3, 1977, to January 3, 1983.

*Committee Assignments*

S. Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
S. Budget  
S. Labor and Human Resources  
S. Interior and Insular Affairs  
S. Foreign Relations

**HIRONO, MAZIE KEIKO.** Democrat; a Representative from Hawaii. Born on November 3, 1947. Elected to the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since January 3, 2007.

*Committee Assignments*

\* H. Education and Labor  
H. Small Business  
\* H. Transportation and Infrastructure

**HONDA, MICHAEL M.** Democrat; a Representative from California. Born on June 27, 1941. Elected to the 107<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since January 3, 2001. He served as regional whip for the 107<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Congresses. In the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress, he was named Democratic senior whip.

*Committee Assignments*

\* H. Appropriations  
H. Budget  
H. Science and Technology  
H. Transportation and Infrastructure

**INOUE, DANIEL KEN.** Democrat; a Representative and Senator from Hawaii. Born on September 7, 1924. First American of Japanese ancestry elected to Congress. Elected to the House for the 86<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from August 21, 1959, to January 3, 1963. Elected to the Senate in 1962, reelected in 1968, 1974, 1980, 1986, 1992, 1998, and 2004; has served in the Senate since January 3, 1963. He served as assistant majority whip from 1975 to 1976 and deputy Democratic whip from 1981 to 1986. From 1977 to 1988, he was secretary of the Senate Democratic Conference. From 1989 to 1994, he chaired the Democratic Steering Committee.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Agriculture  
H. Banking and Currency  
S. Armed Services  
S. District of Columbia  
S. Public Works  
Joint Committee on the Library  
Joint Committee on Printing  
\* S. Appropriations, chair  
\* S. Commerce, Science, and Transportation, (chair in previous Congresses)  
\* S. Indian Affairs (chair in previous Congresses)  
\* S. Rules and Administration  
S. Select Committee on Intelligence, chair

Select Committee on Secret Military Assistance to Iran and Nicaragua Opposition (Iran-Contra Committee), Senate chair

**JINDAL, Bobby.** Republican; a Representative from Louisiana. Born on June 10, 1971. Elected to the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 2005 until his resignation on January 14, 2008. In the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, he was elected Republican freshman class president. He served as assistant majority whip in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, and as assistant minority whip in the first session of the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress. Elected to be governor of Louisiana; sworn in on January 14, 2008.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Education and the Workforce  
H. Homeland Security  
H. Natural Resources

**KALANIANAOLE, JONAH KUHIO.** Republican; a Delegate from the Territory of Hawaii. Born on March 26, 1871; died on January 7, 1922. Elected to the 58<sup>th</sup>-67<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from March 4, 1903, to January 7, 1922.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Agriculture  
H. Coinage, Weights and Measures  
H. Post Office and Post-Roads  
H. Private Land Claims  
H. Territories

**KIM, JAY C.** Republican; a Representative from California. Born on March 27, 1939. First American of Korean ancestry elected to Congress. Elected to the 103<sup>rd</sup>-105<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1993, to January 3, 1999. He was Republican sophomore class whip in the 104<sup>th</sup> Congress.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Small Business  
H. International Relations  
H. Transportation and Infrastructure

**MATSUI, DORIS OKADA.** Democrat; a Representative from California. Born on September 25, 1944. Elected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress in a special election on March 8, 2005, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Representative Robert T. Matsui; reelected to the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since March 8, 2005.

*Committee Assignments*

\* H. Energy and Commerce  
\* H. Rules  
H. Transportation and Infrastructure  
H. Science and Technology

**MATSUI, ROBERT TAKEO.** Democrat; a Representative from California. Born on September 17, 1941; died on January 1, 2005. Elected to the 96<sup>th</sup>-109<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1979, to January 1, 2005. He served and was majority whip at large from 1987 to 1994 and served as minority whip at large from 1995 to 2003, and as minority whip at large in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress.

*Committee Assignments*

- H. Budget
- H. Government Operations
- H. Interstate and Foreign Commerce
- H. Judiciary
- H. Ways and Means

**MATSUNAGA, SPARK MASAYUKI.** Democrat; Representative and Senator from Hawaii. Born October 8, 1916; died on April 15, 1990. Elected to the House of Representatives for the 88<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1963, to January 3, 1977. Elected to the Senate in 1976, reelected in 1982 and 1988; served from January 3, 1977, to April 15, 1990. He served as chief deputy majority whip from 1979 to 1980 and chief deputy minority whip from 1981 to 1986, and from 1987 to 1988 he was chief deputy majority whip.

*Committee Assignments*

- H. Agriculture
- H. Post Office and Civil Service
- H. Rules
- S. Commerce
- S. Energy
- S. Finance
- S. Foreign Relations
- S. Labor and Human Resources
- S. Veterans' Affairs

**MINETA, NORMAN YOSHIO.** Democrat; a Representative from California. Born November 12, 1931. Elected to the House for the 94<sup>th</sup>-104<sup>th</sup> Congresses. Served from January 3, 1975, until his resignation on October 10, 1995. Confirmed by the Senate on July 20, 2000, and sworn in as U.S. Secretary of Commerce on July 21, 2000. Confirmed by the Senate on January 24, 2001, sworn in as U.S. Secretary of Transportation on January 25, 2001, served until July 7, 2006. He was a majority whip at large from 1977 to 1981, deputy majority whip from 1982 to 1994, and deputy minority whip in 1995. He became the first Asian Pacific American to serve in a Cabinet position when he was sworn in as U.S. Secretary of Commerce on July 21, 2000. He was nominated to a second Cabinet post and was sworn in as U.S. Secretary of Transportation on January 25, 2001, and continued in that post until July 7, 2006. He has the distinction of being the longest serving secretary in the history of the Department of Transportation.

*Committee Assignments.*

- H. Budget
- H. Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- H. Post Office and Civil Service

H. Public Works and Transportation, chair  
H. Science and Technology

**MINK, PATSY TAKEMOTO.** Democrat; a Representative from Hawaii. Born December 6, 1927; died on September 28, 2002. First Asian Pacific American woman to be elected to Congress. Elected to the 89<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1965, to January 3, 1977. Appointed Assistant Secretary for the Office of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State. Elected again in 1990 in a special election to the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Daniel Akaka to the Senate. Reelected to 102<sup>nd</sup>-107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served until her death on September 28, 2002; posthumously elected to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress on November 5, 2002. She served as secretary of the Democratic Caucus from 1975 to 1977, minority regional whip from 1997 to 1998, and served as minority whip at large from 2001 until her death in September 2002.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Budget  
H. Interior and Insular Affairs  
H. Natural Resources  
H. Education and the Workforce  
H. Government Reform

**SABLAN, GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO.** A Delegate from the Northern Mariana Islands. Born on January 19, 1955. He is Chamorro with Hispanic and English ancestry. Elected to the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress as an Independent; changed from an Independent to a Democrat on February 23, 2009; has served since January 3, 2009.

*Committee Assignments*

\*H. Natural Resources  
\*H. Education and Labor

**SAIKI, PATRICIA FUKUDA.** Republican; a Representative from Hawaii. Born on May 28, 1930. Elected to the 100<sup>th</sup>-101<sup>st</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1987, to January 3, 1991. Appointed, and confirmed by the Senate on March 21, 1991, to be administrator of the Small Business Administration after leaving Congress.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs  
H. Merchant Marines and Fisheries

**SAUND, DALIP SINGH.** Democrat; a Representative from California. Born on September 20, 1899; died August 22, 1973. First American of Indian ancestry to be elected to Congress. Elected to the 85<sup>th</sup>-87<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1957, to January 3, 1963.

*Committee Assignments*

H. Interior and Insular Affairs  
H. Foreign Affairs

**SCOTT, ROBERT CORTEZ.** Democrat; a Representative from Virginia. Born on April 30, 1947. An African American with Filipino ancestry. Elected to the 103<sup>rd</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since January 3, 1993.

*Committee Assignments*

- \* H. Budget
- \* H. Education and Labor
- \* H. Judiciary
- H. Science, Space, and Technology
- H. U.S. National Security and Military Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China

**SUNIA, FOFÓ IOSEFA FITI.** Democrat; elected as first Delegate from American Samoa. Born on March 13, 1937. Elected to the 97<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1981, until his resignation on September 6, 1988.

*Committee Assignments*

- H. Interior and Insular Affairs
- H. Merchant Marines and Fisheries
- H. Public Works and Transportation

**UNDERWOOD, ROBERT ANACLETUS.** Democrat; a Delegate from Guam. Born July 13, 1948. Elected to the 103<sup>rd</sup>-107<sup>th</sup> Congresses; was not a candidate for the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress; served from January 3, 1993, to January 3, 1993; unsuccessful candidate for governor of Guam. In the 105<sup>th</sup> Congress, he served as a deputy whip for the Democratic Study Group of the House Democratic Caucus, and also served as Democratic Caucus whip at large for the 105<sup>th</sup> and 106<sup>th</sup> Congresses.

*Committee Assignments*

- H. Education and Labor
- H. Armed Services
- H. Resources

**WON PAT, ANTONIO BORJA.** Democrat; the first Delegate from Guam. Born on December 10, 1908; died on May 1, 1987. Elected to the 93<sup>rd</sup>-98<sup>th</sup> Congresses; served from January 3, 1973, to January 3, 1985.

*Committee Assignments*

- H. Armed Services
- H. Interior and Insular Affairs

**WU, DAVID.** Democrat; Representative from Oregon.<sup>20</sup> Born on April 8, 1955. Elected to the 106<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses; has served since January 3, 1999. In the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress, he served as Democratic freshman class president for the period July-December 2000.

*Committee Assignments*

- \* H. Education and Labor
- H. Foreign Affairs
- \* H. Science and Technology

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<sup>20</sup> Rep. Wu is the first Chinese American to represent a district on the U.S. mainland.



**Table I. Asian Pacific American Members and Delegates in the 58<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1903-2011)**

| Congress                           | Dates     | House   | Senate  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---|---|
| 58 <sup>th</sup> -67 <sup>th</sup> | 1903-1923 | Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole <sup>a</sup>  | —   |
| 68 <sup>th</sup> -84 <sup>th</sup> | 1923-1957 | —   | —   |
| 85 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1957-1959 | Dalip Singh Saund   | —   |
| 86 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1959-1961 | Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Dalip Singh Saund  | Hiram Leong Fong  |
| 87 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1961-1963 | Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Dalip Singh Saund  | Hiram Leong Fong  |
| 88 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1963-1965 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga  | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 89 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1965-1967 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink   | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 90 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1967-1969 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink   | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 91 <sup>st</sup>                   | 1969-1971 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink   | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 92 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 1971-1973 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink   | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 93 <sup>rd</sup>                   | 1973-1975 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat  | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 94 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1975-1977 | Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat                        | Hiram Leong Fong<br>Daniel Ken Inouye                                   |
| 95 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1977-1979 | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat  | Samuel Ichiye Hayakawa<br>Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga |
| 96 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1979-1981 | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat                           | Samuel Ichiye Hayakawa<br>Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga |
| 97 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1981-1983 | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Fofó Iosefa Fiti Sunia<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat | Samuel Ichiye Hayakawa<br>Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga |
| 98 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1983-1985 | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Fofó Iosefa Fiti Sunia<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat | Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga                           |
| 99 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1985-1987 | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Ben Garrido Blaz<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Fofó Iosefa Fiti Sunia      | Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga                           |

| Congress          | Dates     | House   | Senate  |
|-------------------|-----------|---|---|
| 100 <sup>th</sup> | 1987-1989 | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Ben Garrido Blaz<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Patricia Fukuda Saiki<br>Fofó Iosefa Fiti Sunia <sup>b</sup>                    | Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga                                       |
| 101 <sup>st</sup> | 1989-1991 | Ben Garrido Blaz<br>Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Patricia Fukuda Saiki                                    | Daniel Kahikina Akaka <sup>c</sup><br>Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga |
| 102 <sup>nd</sup> | 1991-1993 | Ben Garrido Blaz<br>Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink   | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |
| 103 <sup>rd</sup> | 1993-1995 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Jay C. Kim<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>Robert Anacletus Underwood              | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |
| 104 <sup>th</sup> | 1995-1997 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Jay C. Kim<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta <sup>d</sup><br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>Robert Anacletus Underwood | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |
| 105 <sup>th</sup> | 1997-1999 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Jay C. Kim<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>Robert Anacletus Underwood                                      | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |
| 106 <sup>th</sup> | 1999-2001 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>Robert Anacletus Underwood<br>David Wu  | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |
| 107 <sup>th</sup> | 2001-2003 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Michael M. Honda<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink <sup>e</sup><br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>Robert Anacletus Underwood<br>David Wu       | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |
| 108 <sup>th</sup> | 2003-2005 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Michael M. Honda<br>Robert Takeo Matsui <sup>f</sup><br>Robert Cortez Scott  | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye  |

| Congress          | Dates     | House  | Senate                                     |
|-------------------|-----------|--|--|
| 109 <sup>th</sup> | 2005-2007 | David Wu<br>Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Michael M. Honda<br>Bobby Jindal<br>Doris Okada Matsui <sup>g</sup><br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>David Wu  | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye |
| 110 <sup>th</sup> | 2007-2009 | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Mazie Keiko Hirono<br>Michael M. Honda<br>Bobby Jindal <sup>h</sup><br>Doris Okada Matsui<br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>David Wu  | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye |
| 111 <sup>th</sup> | 2009-2011 | Steve Austria<br>Anh "Joseph" Quang Cao<br>Judy Chu <sup>i</sup><br>Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Mazie Keiko Hirono<br>Michael M. Honda<br>Doris Okada Matsui<br>Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan<br>Robert Cortez Scott<br>David Wu | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Daniel Ken Inouye |

- a. Del. Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole died on January 7, 1922.
- b. Del. Fofó Iosefa Fiti Sunia resigned on September 6, 1988.
- c. Sen. Daniel Kahikina Akaka also served in the House in the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress until May 15, 1990. However, he was appointed to the Senate and was sworn in on May 16, 1990, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sen. Spark Masayuki Matsunaga on April 15, 1990. Subsequently, he was elected to the Senate in November 1990.
- d. Rep. Norman Yoshio Mineta resigned on October 10, 1995.
- e. Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink died on September 28, 2002.
- f. Rep. Robert Takeo Matsui died on January 1, 2005.
- g. Rep. Doris Okada Matsui won a special election on March 8, 2005, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Rep. Robert Matsui, and was sworn in on March 10, 2005. Although Rep. Robert Matsui was elected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, he died on January 1, 2005.
- h. Rep. Bobby Jindal resigned on January 14, 2008; sworn in as governor of Louisiana on the same day.
- i. Rep. Judy Chu won a special election on July 14, 2009 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Hilda Solis.

**Table 2. Number of Asian Pacific American Members and Delegates  
by State and Territory, 58<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1903-2011)**

| <b>State or Territory</b> | <b>Number Elected</b> | <b>Name</b>   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| California                | 8                     | Judy Chu<br>Samuel Ichiye Hayakawa<br>Michael M. Honda<br>Jay C. Kim<br>Robert Takeo Matsui<br>Doris Okada Matsui<br>Norman Yoshio Mineta<br>Dalip Singh Saund                          |
| Hawaii                    | 8                     | Daniel Kahikina Akaka<br>Mazie Hirono<br>Daniel Ken Inouye<br>Hiram Leong Fong<br>Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole<br>Spark Masayuki Matsunaga<br>Patsy Takemoto Mink<br>Patricia Fukuda Saiki |
| Louisiana                 | 2                     | Anh “Joseph” Quang Cao<br>Bobby Jindal  |
| Ohio                      | 1                     | Steve Austria   |
| Oregon                    | 1                     | David Wu  |
| Virginia                  | 1                     | Robert Cortez Scott   |
| American Samoa            | 2                     | Eni F.H. Faleomavaega<br>Fofó Iosefa Fifi Sunia   |
| Guam                      | 3                     | Ben Garrido Blaz<br>Robert Anacletus Underwood<br>Antonio Borja Won Pat   |
| Northern Mariana Islands  | 1                     | Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan  |

**Table 3. Number of Asian Pacific American Members and Delegates in the U.S. Congress, 58<sup>th</sup>-111<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1903-2011)**

| Congress                           | Years     | Total in Congress | House          | Senate |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|--------|
| 58 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1903-1905 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 59 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1905-1907 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 60 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1907-1909 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 61 <sup>st</sup>                   | 1909-1911 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 62 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 1911-1913 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 63 <sup>rd</sup>                   | 1913-1915 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 64 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1915-1917 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 65 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1917-1919 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 66 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1919-1921 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 67 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1921-1923 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 68 <sup>th</sup> -84 <sup>th</sup> | 1923-1957 | -                 | -              | -      |
| 85 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1957-1961 | 1                 | 1              | -      |
| 86 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1959-1961 | 3                 | 2              | 1      |
| 87 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1961-1963 | 3                 | 2              | 1      |
| 88 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1963-1965 | 3                 | 1              | 2      |
| 89 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1965-1967 | 4                 | 2              | 2      |
| 90 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1967-1969 | 4                 | 2              | 2      |
| 91 <sup>st</sup>                   | 1969-1971 | 4                 | 2              | 2      |
| 92 <sup>nd</sup>                   | 1971-1973 | 4                 | 2              | 2      |
| 93 <sup>rd</sup>                   | 1973-1975 | 5                 | 3              | 2      |
| 94 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1975-1977 | 6                 | 4              | 2      |
| 95 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1977-1979 | 6                 | 3              | 3      |
| 96 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1979-1981 | 7                 | 4              | 3      |
| 97 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1981-1983 | 8                 | 5              | 3      |
| 98 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1983-1985 | 7                 | 5              | 2      |
| 99 <sup>th</sup>                   | 1985-1987 | 7                 | 5              | 2      |
| 100 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1987-1989 | 8                 | 6 <sup>a</sup> | 2      |
| 101 <sup>st</sup>                  | 1989-1991 | 9                 | 6 <sup>b</sup> | 3      |
| 102 <sup>nd</sup>                  | 1991-1993 | 7                 | 5              | 2      |
| 103 <sup>rd</sup>                  | 1993-1995 | 9                 | 7              | 2      |
| 104 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1995-1997 | 9                 | 7 <sup>c</sup> | 2      |
| 105 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1997-1999 | 8                 | 6              | 2      |
| 106 <sup>th</sup>                  | 1999-2001 | 8                 | 6              | 2      |
| 107 <sup>th</sup>                  | 2001-2003 | 9                 | 7 <sup>d</sup> | 2      |
| 108 <sup>th</sup>                  | 2003-2005 | 7                 | 5              | 2      |

| Congress          | Years     | Total in Congress  | House             | Senate |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 109 <sup>th</sup> | 2005-2007 | 8                  | 6 <sup>e</sup>    | 2      |
| 110 <sup>th</sup> | 2007-2009 | 9 [8] <sup>f</sup> | 7[6] <sup>f</sup> | 2      |
| 111 <sup>th</sup> | 2009-2011 | 12 <sup>g</sup>    | 10                | 2      |

- a. Del. Fofó Iosefa Fiti Sunia resigned on September 6, 1988.
- b. Although six Asian Pacific Americans were elected to the House in the 101<sup>st</sup> Congress, only five served at any one time. Representative Patsy Mink (who had previously served in the 89<sup>th</sup>-94<sup>th</sup> Congresses) did not become a member of the House again until September 1990, when she was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Daniel K. Akaka. Senator Akaka had been appointed to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Spark Matsunaga.
- c. Rep. Norman Yoshio Mineta resigned on October 10, 1995.
- d. Rep. Patsy Takemoto Mink died on September 28, 2002. She was posthumously elected to the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress on November 5, 2002.
- e. Rep. Doris Okada Matsui won a special election on March 8, 2005, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Rep. Robert Matsui, and was sworn in on March 10, 2005. Although Rep. Robert Matsui was elected to the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, he died on January 1, 2005.
- f. The number in brackets reflects the resignation of Rep. Bobby Jindal on January 14, 2008; he was sworn in as governor of Louisiana on the same day.
- g. Rep. Judy Chu won a special election on July 14, 2009 to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rep. Hilda Solis.

**Table 4. Resident Commissioners from the Philippine Islands,  
60<sup>th</sup>-79<sup>th</sup> Congresses (1907-1946)**

| Congress         | Dates     | Resident Commissioners   |
|------------------|-----------|--|
| 60 <sup>th</sup> | 1907-1909 | Benito Y Tuason Legarda <sup>a</sup><br>Pablo Ocampo <sup>a</sup>                                |
| 61 <sup>st</sup> | 1909-1911 | Benito Y Tuason Legarda<br>Pablo Ocampo <sup>b</sup><br>Manuel Luis Quezon <sup>c</sup>          |
| 62 <sup>nd</sup> | 1911-1913 | Benito Y Tuason Legarda<br>Manuel Luis Quezon  |
| 63 <sup>rd</sup> | 1913-1915 | Manuel Luis Quezon<br>Manuel Earnshaw  |
| 64 <sup>th</sup> | 1915-1917 | Manuel Luis Quezon <sup>d</sup><br>Manuel Earnshaw   |
| 65 <sup>th</sup> | 1917-1919 | Jaime Carlos de Veyra<br>Teodoro Rafael Yangco   |
| 66 <sup>th</sup> | 1919-1921 | Jaime Carlos de Veyra<br>Teodoro Rafael Yangco <sup>e</sup><br>Isauro Gabaldon <sup>f</sup>      |
| 67 <sup>th</sup> | 1921-1923 | Jaime Carlos de Veyra<br>Isauro Gabaldon   |
| 68 <sup>th</sup> | 1923-1925 | Isauro Gabaldon<br>Pedro Guevara   |
| 69 <sup>th</sup> | 1925-1927 | Isauro Gabaldon<br>Pedro Guevara   |
| 70 <sup>th</sup> | 1927-1929 | Isauro Gabaldon <sup>g</sup><br>Pedro Guevara  |
| 71 <sup>st</sup> | 1929-1931 | Pedro Guevara<br>Camilo Osias  |
| 72 <sup>nd</sup> | 1931-1933 | Pedro Guevara<br>Camilo Osias  |
| 73 <sup>rd</sup> | 1933-1935 | Pedro Guevara<br>Camilo Osias  |
| 74 <sup>th</sup> | 1935-1937 | Pedro Guevara <sup>h</sup><br>Francisco Aan Delgado <sup>h</sup><br>Quintin Parades <sup>i</sup> |
| 75 <sup>th</sup> | 1937-1939 | Quintin Parades <sup>j</sup><br>Joaquin Miguel Elizalde <sup>k</sup>                             |
| 76 <sup>th</sup> | 1939-1941 | Joaquin Miguel Elizalde  |
| 77 <sup>th</sup> | 1941-1943 | Joaquin Miguel Elizalde  |
| 78 <sup>th</sup> | 1943-1945 | Joaquin Miguel Elizalde <sup>l</sup><br>Carlos Pena Romulo <sup>m</sup>                          |
| 79 <sup>th</sup> | 1945-1947 | Carlos Pena Romulo <sup>n</sup>  |

**Note:** The Philippine Islands were part of territory ceded to the United States by Spain under the Treaty of Paris of December 10, 1898. The Act of July 1902 granted the Philippine Islands the right to elect two Resident Commissioners to the United States. In 1935, the Philippine Islands became the Commonwealth of the

Philippines and the number of Resident Commissioners was reduced from two to one. In 1946, the Philippines became fully independent, and the office of the Resident Commissioner was terminated.

- a. Elected November 22, 1907, for a term of two years; granted the privileges of the floor of the House of Representatives, with the right of debate, February 4, 1908.
- b. Term expired November 22, 1909.
- c. Elected for a term of two years beginning November 23, 1909.
- d. Resigned October 15, 1916; vacancy throughout the remainder of 64<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- e. Term expired March 3, 1920.
- f. Elected for a term of three years beginning March 4, 1920.
- g. Resigned July 16, 1928, having been nominated for election to the Philippine House of Representatives; vacancy throughout the remainder of the 70<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- h. When the new government of the Commonwealth of the Philippine Islands was inaugurated, the terms of office of the Resident Commissioners of the Philippine Islands expired. Both Resident Commissioners served until February 14, 1936, when a selected successor qualified (48 Stat. 456). Under this law, the number of Resident Commissioners was reduced from two to one.
- i. Appointed December 21, 1935, to fill vacancy caused by the expiration of the terms of Pedro Guevara and Francisco A. Delgado, due to the new form of government, and took his seat on February 14, 1936.
- j. Resigned September 29, 1938.
- k. Appointed September 29, 1938, to fill vacancy caused by resignation of Quintin Paredes; service began on January 3, 1939, upon convening of 76<sup>th</sup> Congress.
- l. Resigned August 9, 1944.
- m. Appointed to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Joaquin M. Elizalde, and succeeded him on August 21, 1944.
- n. Office of Resident Commissioner terminated on July 4, 1946.

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