



Hon. Doris O. Matsui
Member of Congress

Doris O. Matsui

www.house.gov/matsui/

Serving California's 5th District

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, April 08, 2005

CONTACT: ROB LEONARD
(202) 225-7163

MATSUI STATEMENT ON PASSING OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (D-CA) released the following statement on the death of Pope John Paul II, who was buried earlier today in ceremonies at the Vatican:

“I join people across the globe in mourning the loss of a great spiritual leader and advocate, Pope John Paul II.

“Pope John Paul II advocated for the centrality of human dignity and human rights through his message of freedom, hope, and peace. He called the United Nation’s Universal Declaration of Human Rights ‘one of the highest expressions of the human conscience of our time.’

“May he enjoy the same peace in his final, eternal rest.”

###