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Sacramento, Calif. - Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui, a Smithsonian Regent, announced that the Discovery Museum of Sacramento has been awarded Smithsonian Affiliate Status. This will give the Discovery Museum access to Smithsonian Art from the existing 19 Smithsonian museums and nine research centers from around the nation.

The Discovery Museum is the first institution in Northern California to be inducted into the Smithsonian Institution. Both the Gold Rush Center and the Science and Space Center are now officially Smithsonian Affiliates. Both museums will have access to a vast network of artifacts, exhibits and other resources to enhance the breadth of exhibits and collections already at each museum.

"The inclusion of the Discovery Museum into the Smithsonian network will help enhance Sacramento's artistic growth. The families, children and museum lovers of Sacramento will now have access to the hundreds of treasures owned by the Smithsonian," said Matsui.

The Discovery Museums will be aided by the Smithsonian Affiliate Member Organization in identifying resources and exhibits from the Smithsonian network that will best benefit each center. In addition to artifact loans, the museums will have access to performing arts programs, educator workshops, and speaking engagements by experts from varying fields.

"It is wonderful that we have been able to bring a heightened level of cultural enrichment to Sacramento through the Smithsonian. Bringing these resources from Washington, D.C., to Sacramento will create a well-rounded exposure and level of education to students and families alike," said Matsui.

Rep. Matsui is one of three members of the U.S. House of Representatives to be named to the Smithsonian Board of Regents by Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA-8). Congresswoman Matsui is the only Member of Congress to serve on the Smithsonian Board Governance Committee, which oversees the activities of the Board of Regents and the Smithsonian Institution.