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ARMENIAN CAUCUS LARGEST EVER AT 163 MEMBERS Representative DeLauro Joins

WASHINGTON, DC – The Armenian Assembly today welcomed the news that the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues now boasts 163 Members with the addition of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), making it the largest Caucus to date in the 109th Congress.

“The Caucus plays an important role in helping to strengthen the U.S.-Armenia relationship and we will continue our efforts to expand the Caucus even further,” said Executive Director Bryan Ardouny. “We look forward to working with Representative DeLauro and her staff on issues facing Armenia and Armenian-Americans.”

DeLauro, who is currently serving her eighth term in office, has co-sponsored legislation affirming the Armenian Genocide (H. Res. 316) and has repeatedly signed congressional letters to the President urging him to properly recognize the Armenian Genocide in his annual April 24th statement. Additionally, DeLauro signed a congressional letter in 2004, urging the President to publicly condemn the ongoing Azerbaijani war rhetoric against Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. DeLauro also supported the amendment that retained Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act which imposes restrictions on assistance to Azerbaijan until its government ceases all blockades against Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

The Armenian Caucus was formed in 1995 to provide a bipartisan forum for legislators to discuss how the United States can better assist the peoples of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. As a member of this all-important body, DeLauro joins Connecticut Representatives Nancy L. Johnson (R-CT), John B. Larson (D-CT), Robert R. Simmons (R-CT) and Christopher Shays (R-CT) in supporting Armenian-American interests.

The Congresswoman serves on the House Appropriations Committee and the House Budget Committee.

The Armenian Assembly is the largest Washington-based nationwide organization promoting public understanding and awareness of Armenian issue. It is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt membership organization.

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