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Special Notice - Congressman David N. Cicilline joins
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PALCUS is pleased to report that Congressman David N. Cicilline (D-RI1) has officially joined the Portuguese American Caucus of the US House of Representatives. Cicilline was elected last November to the 1st RI Congressional District seat vacated when Congressman Patrick Kennedy decided not to run for re-election. Founded with 38 congressmen and co-chaired with Congressman Richard Pombo (R-CA) in 1995, Kennedy's leadership of the Caucus was uninterrupted until his retirement from public office in January 2011.

In a meeting with PALCUS in his RI district office, Congressman Cicilline enthusiastically embraced membership in the Caucus stating, "I would be proud and honored to be a member of the Caucus and I will work hard for the Portuguese people of RI." Cicilline has historically supported the Portuguese when, as a Mayor of Providence, he facilitated the return of the celebration of the Day of Portugal to the capital city now in its fifth year.

Over 71,000 Rhode Islanders who claim Portuguese ancestry reside in the state's 1st Congressional District, second largest only to the Massachusetts 4th District (Barney Frank - D). Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI2) has also joined the Caucus representing an additional 32,000 Portuguese in the state. (Source: 2010 U.S. Census)

Caucus Chairmen Rep. Dennis Cardoza and Rep. Jim Costa report the most current list of members (as of 5/4/2011):

Representatives:

Jim Costa (D-CA20)
Dennis Cardoza (D-CA18)
Michael Grimm (R-NY13)
Bill Keating (D-MA10)
Mike Honda (D-CA15)
Coleen Hanabusa (D-HI1)
James McGovern (D-MA3)
Richard Neal (D-MA2)
Barney Frank (D-MA4)
Jim Langevin (D-RI2)
Pete Stark (D-CA13)
Linda Sanchez (D-CA39)
Niki Tsongas (D-MA5)
Lloyd Doggett (D-TX25)
Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX18)
Joe Baca (D-CA43)
Loretta Sanchez (D-CA47)
Leonard Boswell (D-IA3)
Marcia Fudge (D-OH11)
David Cicilline (D-RI1)

Senators:

Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)

PALCUS encourages members of the Portuguese American community to contact their respective congressmen to join the caucus by contacting the staff of Chairmen Jim Costa or Dennis Cardoza. Through its research initiative, PALCUS has identified the following districts with some of the highest Portuguese-American populations whose congressmen have yet to confirm:

Rep. Jerry McNerney (D-CA11)
Rep. Jeff Denham (D-CA18)
Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA 21)
Rep. John Olver (D-MA1)
Rep. John Tierney (D-MA6)
Rep. Edward Markey (D-MA7)
Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA9)
Rep. Lance Leonard (R-NJ7)
Rep. Donald Payne (D-NJ10)
Rep. Albio Sires (D-NJ13)

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PALCUS Mission

In order to create a singular voice to advocate for the Portuguese American and Luso-American communities at large, the Portuguese American Leadership Council of the United States Inc. (PALCUS) was founded in 1991 as a 501 © 3 non partisan, non profit, organization headquartered in Washington D.C.

The PALCUS mission is to address domestic and international concerns of the Portuguese American Community.

The Council conducts an expanding program of educational and public affairs activities on issues of interest to the Portuguese American community and of salience to the Luso-American Relationship.

PALCUS is committed to serving the community through increasingly active government relations efforts, the promotion of a greater awareness of ethnic accomplishments and encouraging stronger ties between Portugal and the United States. In this role PALCUS advance the community professionally, politically and culturally while working to ensure that issues directly affecting our community are addressed through our network of government and community leaders.

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