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Dr. Judy Chu Locks In Key Labor Endorsements

Announces Support from County Fed, SEIU, UFW Co-Founder Dolores Huerta

California State Board of Equalization Vice Chair Dr. Judy Chu continued her near sweep of labor endorsements in the race for the 32nd Congressional District Thursday by locking in the support of two of the most powerful union groups in the Southland: the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and the Service Employees International Union.

In addition, Dr. Chu also announced on Wednesday her endorsement by legendary Mexican American labor leader Dolores Huerta, who along with Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers of America.

"I am humbled by the support I have received from the labor movement," said Judy Chu, who promised if elected to continue the legacy of championing labor issues and protecting working families established by her predecessor, Labor Secretary-designate Hilda Solis. "My mother was an immigrant and a Teamster, and I learned to respect workers watching her come home dead tired from her cannery job every day. That is why I became a 20-year member of the American Federation of Teachers, and why as a public servant, whenever working families needed help, I answered the call."

Judy has indeed been a strong ally of labor during her time in public office, having earned a 100% lifetime voting record from the California Federation of Labor. She has spoken out and even been arrested for protesting unfair labor practices against workers, established heat protection laws for field workers in the Assembly and as BOE Chair she organized an Underground Economy Taskforce to crack down on employers who circumvent labor laws.

The LA County Federation of Labor is a broad coalition of local unions that represents nearly 40,000 workers who are registered to vote in the 32nd Congressional District. The County Fed, as it is known, has played a key roll in mobilizing voters in a number of low-turnout races, and most recently backed Mark Ridley Thomas in his successful race for an LA County Board of Supervisors seat.

Prior to the LA County Fed and SEIU endorsements, Judy had already amassed an impressive list of labor support, including endorsements from the International Longshore Warehouse Union- So Calif. District Council, Amalgamated Transit Union California Conference Board, Teamsters Joint Council 42 and Teamsters Local 911, among others.

So far, Dr. Chu is the only candidate to draw major labor support in the race for the 32nd District seat. Her union endorsements are part of a growing tidal wave of support that also includes endorsements from nearly 70 local elected officials representing a vast majority of the school districts, water boards and the 15 cities of the 32nd District.

For a full list of Judy's endorsements, visit www.judychu.net/endorsements.htm.

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