

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We invite you to become a member of the Congressional History Caucus, a group of fellow Representatives who share an interest in our nation's unique history and heritage. We all share daily in the making of our country's history, and we believe an appreciation and passion for history crosses party lines and ideological divides. History, as Mark Twain once said: may "not repeat itself, but it often rhymes".

The words "what is past is prologue" are etched on the edifice in front of the National Archives which houses our nation's founding documents. We hope the History Caucus will provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to celebrate our past, and to reflect on how knowledge of our nation's history is critical to understanding our Democracy.

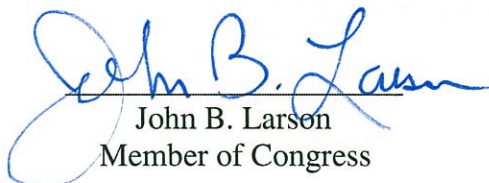
Some of the initial activities we are planning include:


- Lectures by prominent historians and policy makers to provide historical context and perspective on current and past issues.
- Promotion on the Hill of events and exhibits at the Library of Congress, National Archives, the Smithsonian and other historical institutions in Washington.
- Establishing relationships between Members of Congress and historians, the Architect of the Capitol, former Members of Congress, and historical institutions and history departments at academic institutions in their district.
- Programs designed to increase awareness of history both here on Capitol Hill and among our constituents, especially students.
- The creation of an annual award to be presented by the Congressional History Caucus members to an outstanding advocate for preservation of the past.

We anticipate holding a kick-off event by late spring of this year, so we urge you to join today so you can help us celebrate the launch of the Congressional History Caucus. Since we are still in the formative stages, we would welcome your ideas about how we can make the caucus most beneficial to our fellow Members of Congress.

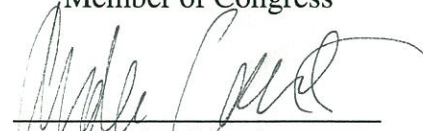
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Sincerely,


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