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Rob Bonta and the California API Legislative Caucus Issue Statement on the Passing of Representative Mark Takai

(Oakland, CA) – Assemblymember Rob Bonta (D-Oakland), Chair of the California Asian and Pacific Islander (API) Legislative Caucus, released the following statement today on the passing of Congressman Mark Takai.

"The members of the California API Legislative Caucus are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Rep. Mark Takai. He was truly a champion for Asian American and Pacific Islanders at home and in Washington D.C.

"From his service to our country in the Hawaii National Guard and in Iraq during Operation Freedom, to his efforts to reunite Filipino American veterans with their loved ones, our community has lost an incredible champion.

"His leadership as a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus in service to the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community continues to inspire us as we strive to honor his spirit of Aloha.

"Our sincere condolences go out to his family and loved ones at this difficult time."

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