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National Museum of the
AMERICAN PEOPLE

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Five German American Organizations Ask German-American Caucus Co-Chair To Back Study of American People Museum

WASHINGTON, DC -- Five German American organizations today called on Rep. Tim Holden, D-PA, Co-Chair of the bipartisan German-American Congressional Caucus to back a study to establish the National Museum of the American People. The museum will tell the stories about every ethnic and minority group that came to this land and nation from the prehistoric period through today.

"The stories of German Americans played an important role in the founding of our nation, and it is important for us to have support for this effort from both co-chairs of the German-American Caucus," said Thomas Siedenbuehl, of the German-American Heritage Foundation of the USA.

Rep. Jim Gerlach, R-PA, the other co-chair of the German-American Caucus, is a cosponsor of House Congressional Resolution 63, the bipartisan measure which calls for a bipartisan Presidential commission to study establishment of the museum.

The letter sent to Rep. Holden was signed by Siedenbuehl; Tom Vogt, President, Gauverband Nordamerika; Don Heinrich Tolzmann, President, German American Citizens League; William Fuchs, former National President, German American National Congress; and Randall J. Ratje, National Chairman, Steuben Society of America.

These five organizations are members of the Coalition for the National Museum of the American People comprising 150 organizations that represent virtually every ethnic and minority group in the nation.

Sam Eskenazi, director of the Coalition, emphasized that the Museum backers are not seeking federal appropriations to either fund the study commission or, in the future, to fund the building or operation of this significant new national cultural institution.

The Museum, telling everyone's migration and immigration story, will embody our nation's original national motto: E Pluribus Unum – From Many We Are One!

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