

Washington, DC – Congressman Steny Hoyer (D-MD) today became the longest serving Member of the U.S. House of Representatives in Maryland's history. Rep. Hoyer was elected in a special election in 1981 to fill the vacancy created by former Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman; he was sworn in on June 3, 1981.

“It is hard to believe that twenty-six years have passed since I was elected to the U.S. House, but in reaching this milestone I consider myself incredibly thankful for the opportunity given to me by the great people of Maryland's 5th District to serve as their representative in Congress,” commented Rep. Hoyer. “It has been both a remarkable honor and a personal privilege, and I hope I have helped to make a positive difference in the lives of the people I have so proudly served all these years.”

As Majority Leader, Rep. Hoyer is also the highest ranking Member of Congress in Maryland history - a distinction he also held while serving as the House Democratic Whip (2003-2006) and the House Democratic Caucus Chair (1989-1995).

Rep. Hoyer surpasses the previous record-holder, Democrat George Hyde Fallon, who represented Maryland's 4th District from 1945-1971.

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