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Slaughter Urges Citizen Advocacy on Behalf of Fairport Baptist Church
Local Institution Could be Added to National Register of Historic Places

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport) today announced that the Fairport Baptist Church has been nominated to be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Park Service will be taking public comments on the Church's designation until September 20, 2006.

"The Fairport Baptist Church has been a pillar in our community for 130 years," Rep. Slaughter said. **"A federal recognition of its contributions to the community is long overdue. I encourage all interested individuals to support the Church's nomination by contacting the National Park Service in the next two weeks."**

Individuals interested in advocating for the Church's designation may view the Notice of Public Comment Period in the Federal Register by [clicking here](#) .

Citizens can submit their comments in three ways:

1. By emailing comments to Rep. Slaughter's office by [clicking here](#) . (Rep. Slaughter is happy to send these comments directly to the National Park Service.)

2. By sending a letter to the National Park Service at the following address:

National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 Eye St., NW
8th Floor (MS 2280)
Washington, DC 20005

3. Or by sending a fax to the National Park Service at the following number:

202.371.6447

BACKGROUND

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Listing in the National Register contributes to preserving historic properties in a number of ways:

- Recognition that a property is of significance to the Nation, the State, or the community.
- Consideration in the planning for Federal or federally assisted projects.
- Eligibility for Federal tax benefits.
- Qualification for Federal assistance for historic preservation, when funds are available.

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