

## Congressman Brady Supports Mayor Nutter's President's House Fundraising Campaign

Speaks at kickoff campaign

PHILADELPHIA ---- Congressman Robert A. Brady (D., Pa.) joined Mayor Michael Nutter, Congressman Chaka Fattah and Independence National Historical Park Superintendent Cynthia MacLeod at the kick off of a campaign to raise \$1.4 million for the completion of the construction of the President's House commemorative project.

From 1790 to 1800, Presidents George Washington and John Adams lived and worked in a mansion - the President's House - that once stood a block north of Independence Hall. The hidden story of the executive mansion is that George Washington enslaved as many as nine Africans in that house. The President's House project, a joint initiative of the City of Philadelphia and Independence National Historical Park, will commemorate the story of how the quest for freedom for a new nation existed side by side with enslavement.

In 2005, Congressmen Brady and Fattah secured \$3.5 million dollars in federal funds for the project. Congressman Brady said he visited the site with young family members and they were shocked that Blacks were enslaved in this historic location.

Congressman Brady said he remains committed to the project. "We have the chance to make history by making sure that the true history of the President's House, right here on this site in my district, the First Congressional District, is told for the world to see."

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