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**Greetings from Congressman Mike Honda on the Unveiling of the  
Iris Chang Statue at the Herbert Hoover Memorial Building**

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It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the unveiling of a bronze statue of Iris S. Chang at Stanford University's Herbert Hoover Memorial Building. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the China Foundation for Human Rights Development in Beijing for their efforts to make this memorial possible.

The Iris Chang statue at the Hoover Memorial Building is a tribute to the life and career of a remarkable woman. Iris Chang was a courageous historian, author, and champion of Asian and Asian American history, human rights, and historical redress. During her brief yet remarkable career, she touched the lives of countless people, shedding light on past injustices and atrocities that had been forgotten or ignored.

As chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and as a Congressional representative of Silicon Valley, I commend Iris Chang for her selfless efforts on behalf of the Asian and Asian American communities, and I offer my support for this fitting memorial. It is my hope that the memory of Iris Chang will continue to live on as an inspirational beacon of historical justice and truth.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda  
Member of Congress