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Stark Acknowledges the Reason Rally

The US Congressman will contribute to the Rally March 24, in Washington, DC

Washington, DC—January 26, 2012—Today, Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) has agreed to prove a video testimonial at the **Reason Rally**, March 24, 2012 on the National Mall in Washington, DC.

Stark is the first openly atheist member of Congress, as announced by the **Secular Coalition for America (SCA)**. Stark acknowledged that he is an atheist in response to an **SCA** questionnaire sent to public officials in January 2007. During that same year he reaffirmed that he is an atheist by making a public announcement in front of the Humanist Chaplaincy at Harvard, the Harvard Law School Heathen Society, and various other atheist, agnostic, secular, humanist, and nonreligious groups. The **American Humanist Association (AHA)** named him their 2008 Humanist of the Year, and he now serves on the **AHA** Advisory Board.

“Unfortunately he can’t make it personally but this endorsement from Mr. Stark is a great addition to the **Reason Rally**,” organizer and chair **David Silverman** said.

The **Reason Rally**, a nationwide celebration [sponsored by the top secular organizations](#) in the United States, will be held from 10 AM to 5 PM. With the intent to unify, energize, and embolden secular people nationwide, the **Reason Rally** is a FREE event that will combat negative stereotypes about nonreligious Americans. It is slated to be the largest secular event in World history. Leaders of the secular movement, including a FREE concert by **Bad Religion**, will fill the rally with music, comedy and reason.

The **Reason Rally** will give secular Americans an opportunity to unite under a banner of reason and community at a level of impact that has never been seen before.

Top names from the movement are also slated to speak at the **Reason Rally**, including **Tim Minchin, Richard Dawkins, Taslima Nasrin, James Randi, Greta Christina, Dan Barker, Jessica Ahlquist**.

For a complete list of speakers, including bios please refer to the Reason Rally [website](#). Follow the Reason Rally on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and the Reason Rally [blog](#); for more information, please contact Publicity Director Michelle Blackley at 716-636-4869 ext. 218 or press@centerforinquiry.net.

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