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Congresswoman Grace Napolitano Releases Statement for International Women's Day

EL MONTE, CA – Congresswoman Grace Napolitano has released the following statement in honor of International Women's Day:

"Even though women make up 50% of the population in the United States, under 20% of the legislators in Congress are women. While I am proud to be a part of that minority, I am concerned that until we have greater parity in representation, the needs and interests of women will go ignored.

We must have equal pay for equal work. We must have paid family leave. We must address the hundreds of thousands of women subject to domestic violence and sexual abuse every year who go unheard.

Our families, communities, and country will be stronger with equal participation between women and men. Today, on International Women's Day, I am calling on my colleagues to commit to mentor and empower more women to stand up and lead our country to a brighter future for all."

Congresswoman Grace Flores Napolitano is a powerful advocate for Southern California on water resources, transportation and power generation, and dedicates considerable energy to mental health issues. The daughter of a Mexican immigrant who raised two children on a shoestring budget, Napolitano married at 18 and had five children by 23. She launched her first political campaign for city council where she served for seven years, two of them as mayor, before moving up to the California Legislature. Congresswoman Napolitano is currently serving her ninth term representing California's 32nd District, where she is the founder and Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus. She is the Ranking Member on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and serves on the Natural Resources Committee's Subcommittee on Water and Power.

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