



*Fifth District Honoree*

## **The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano**

*Congresswoman*

*32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District*

First elected to Congress in 1998, Congresswoman Napolitano is currently serving her tenth term. Her Los Angeles County-based district covers several cities and communities in the San Gabriel Valley. She serves on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and is currently the Ranking Member on the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. Congresswoman Napolitano continues to advance projects and policies that relieve congestion, improve transit, and reduce the negative impacts her district takes on as a primary shipping corridor from the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles. She also serves on the House Committee on Natural Resources and is a long-time promoter of conservation, water recycling, desalination, and groundwater management as solutions to Southern California's water needs.

Congresswoman Napolitano is the founder and Chair of the Congressional Mental Health Caucus. She has been active in securing mental health parity in the Affordable Care Act, promoting mental health legislation, and working with prominent figures to increase funding and access to mental health services in Congress. Her 2001 program providing mental health and suicide prevention services on-site in four schools has expanded to 26 schools with assistance from Los Angeles County Mental Health, which now serves as a model program for H.R. 2913, the Mental Health in Schools Act.

She is also the founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Youth Challenge Caucus, which supports Youth Challenge: a program run by the National Guard cadre using military discipline and education to help at-risk youth complete high school to emerge better armed with knowledge and training for success. Congresswoman Napolitano is also a member and former Chairwoman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, which addresses the impact of national issues on the Hispanic community.