



PROCLAMATION

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

Whereas, Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva was born on February 19, 1948, in Tucson, Arizona, to immigrant parents, dedicating his life to public service, environmental leadership, and advocacy for the people of Arizona and the nation; and

Whereas, Congressman Grijalva's career journey began in his hometown of Tucson, where he graduated from Sunnyside High School and later attended the University of Arizona. He went on to serve on the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board, Pima County Board of Supervisors, and ultimately was elected in 2002 as Arizona's Seventh Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives; and

Whereas, Congressman Grijalva served as Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, shaping critical environmental policies; and Member of the Committee on Education and Labor, funding important early childhood education programs; and

Whereas, as a founding member and Co-Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and long-standing Member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Congressman Grijalva's bipartisan collaboration made him a respected voice on issues of social justice, labor, and sustainable economic growth; and

Whereas, Congressman Grijalva was a tireless advocate for Arizona's Seventh Congressional District, supporting policies to improve the lives of his constituents and the nation, and a valued champion for Avondale, securing funding for several important community projects including improvements in Old Town Avondale; and,

Whereas, Congressman Grijalva's legacy will live on through his enduring impact on his constituents and the communities he served, his lifelong dedication to public service, and his unwavering advocacy for justice, equality, and the well-being of all people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Avondale hereby wishes to express its sincerest condolences for the loss of Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva and celebrates his life, leadership, and dedication to his community, friends, and family.

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk