

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A HOUSE RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF REPRESENTATIVE SUE CHEW.

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, the members of the House of Representatives desire to recognize the service of Representative Sue Chew representing District 17-B in the Idaho House of Representatives. Sue Chew was first elected in 2006 and went on to serve nine terms in the House. No other Democrat has served for longer in the House of Representatives than Sue Chew; and

WHEREAS, Sue Chew was born in California on March 31, 1958, into a family of trailblazers, with her father being one of the first lawyers of Chinese descent in California. Sue Chew inherited a legacy of pioneering change and dedication to serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Sue Chew pursued academic excellence, earning her Bachelor's degree in Biology and Natural Resources from the University of California, Berkeley, followed by a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of California, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, her move to Boise to complete a residency in geriatric pharmacy at the Boise Veterans Affairs Medical Center under Dr. Sandra Jue of the College of Pharmacy marked the beginning of a distinguished career in health care, where she served with dedication at Saint Alphonsus Hospital in Boise; and

WHEREAS, driven by an unwavering commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of others, Sue Chew transitioned into public service, representing the constituents of her district for seventeen years, with her tenure marked by integrity, compassion, and a deep-seated desire to improve the welfare of her community. Sue Chew is known for her penchant to knock on doors and to listen to her constituents with humility and concern; and

WHEREAS, her active participation in various organizations, including as President of the Idaho State National Organization for Women, and as a member of United Vision for Idaho and Women in Government, the Idaho Women's Network, and the Advisory Board of Boise State Women's Center, exemplifies her commitment to advancing the rights and welfare of women and underrepresented groups; and

WHEREAS, Sue Chew's public service has been honored with various community awards, including the 2003 Women Making History Award, the 2006 Cultural Center Service Award, the 2013 Outstanding Legislative Advocacy Achievement Award from the Idaho Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, the 2014 Idaho Democratic Party Legislator of the Year, the 2019 Idaho Health Care Champion, and the 2019 Certificate of Recognition from Latino Families with Children and Adults with Developmental Disabilities; and

1 WHEREAS, throughout her legislative career, Sue Chew has been a fervent
2 advocate for education reform, health care accessibility, environmental
3 conservation, and the expansion of the role of pharmacy, significantly
4 enhancing the quality of care for the citizens of Idaho. Known for being
5 a champion of the underdog, Sue Chew has advocated for reform on indigent
6 health care, disability rights, and adding sexual orientation and gender
7 identity as classes protected against discrimination in state law; and

8 WHEREAS, during her seventeen years in the Idaho Legislature, Sue Chew
9 served on the following House of Representatives Committees: the Commerce
10 and Human Resources Committee, the Health and Welfare Committee, the Educa-
11 tion Committee, the Local Government Committee, the Environment, Energy,
12 and Technology Committee, the Ethics and House Policy Committee, and the
13 2016 Healthcare Alternatives for Citizens below 100 percent of Poverty Level
14 legislative work group; and

15 WHEREAS, her invaluable contributions to the Health and Welfare commit-
16 tee have provided critical insight into health care legislation, benefiting
17 the lives of countless individuals across the state. A notable piece of leg-
18 islation sponsored by Sue Chew and codified into law was 2018 House Bill 649,
19 which protected persons seeking emergency medical assistance for an over-
20 dose from prosecution from certain drug crimes; and

21 WHEREAS, beyond her professional accomplishments, Sue Chew has shown
22 an unparalleled level of kindness, compassion, and generosity, touching the
23 lives of many with her selflessness, gentle manner, and genuine concern for
24 the well-being of those around her; and

25 WHEREAS, Sue Chew is now retiring from the Idaho House of Representa-
26 tives.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the House of Represen-
28 tatives, assembled in the Second Regular Session of the Sixty-seventh Idaho
29 Legislature, that we honor and commend the seventeen years of public service
30 that Representative Sue Chew has devoted to the citizens of Idaho.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to
32 Sue Chew as a symbol of our deep appreciation and respect for her remarkable
33 achievements and contributions to society.