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Greetings:

It is an honor and privilege to send my best wishes to the *DFW-CHW Association* and the hundreds of community health workers in Dallas as we celebrate the *2021 Community Health Worker Week*.

Community Health Worker Week honors the contributions of community health workers across this nation who are recognized as essential frontline public health workers. In fact, Texas was the first state to formally recognize community health workers as members of the public health workforce. Since then, they play a key role in advancing health equity, increasing access to care, and reducing health disparities—and their efforts have been amplified since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the first registered nurse elected to Congress, I am proud of how our medical and public health professionals have answered the call to serve during the pandemic. Their sacrifices and contributions have been significant when fulfilling their mission to protect and uplift the health of our communities.

During this *Community Health Worker Week*, I join everyone in celebrating the legacy of community health workers and their tireless efforts to improve the health of our most vulnerable. I would like to applaud the *DFW-CHW Association* for all its initiatives, and I hope that the *2021 Community Health Worker Week* in Dallas is a success.

Sincerely,


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