

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-2801



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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese New Year in the Desert. This week, we celebrate the Year of the Monkey, throughout District 1.

Chinese New Year gives Las Vegas residents and visitors the opportunity to honor and celebrate the rich Chinese heritage with delicious food, fabulous entertainment, and numerous events and festivities throughout the week. Forbes Magazine has called Chinese New Year in the Desert “one of the top 8 places in the United States to celebrate Chinese New Year.” The Chinese zodiac, represented by 12 animals, is an integral part of Chinese traditional culture. Its profound significance to folk arts and crafts is illustrated by the wide adoption of zodiac signs.

It has been a great pleasure to have celebrated with you in the past, and I have enjoyed watching this event grow year after year. Let me thank Jan-Ie Low of Golden Catalyst, along with all of this year’s extraordinary Cultural Ambassadors who have helped make this festival such an important Las Vegas tradition. Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of service; and if you find yourself in Downtown Las Vegas or in Washington, D.C., come by our office anytime.

Sincerely,

  
Member of Congress