



**Agenda Item B.1
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: January 20, 2026**

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, Proclaiming
JoAnne Meade Young as the 2025 Congressional Woman of the Year**



PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA,
PROCLAIMING JOANNE MEADE YOUNG AS 2025 CONGRESSIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, JoAnne Meade Young, born and raised in Hamilton, Ohio, earned her B.S. in Elementary Education from Ohio State University and began her education career as an elementary school teacher including the positions of Primary Language Development Specialist, Library Media Specialist, and Instructional Consultant; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne received her M.A. in Tier II Supervision and Administration from UC Santa Barbara and served as the Director of the Goleta State Preschool, Principal in four elementary schools in Goleta, California, and retired as Principal of Ellwood School after a seventeen-year career in June, 2007; and

WHEREAS, JoAnne serves on the board of the Democratic Women of Santa Barbara County as Treasurer & Co-Chair of Membership, the Commission for Women representing District 2, and was a founding member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and served on the Board of the Family Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, JoAnne broke racial barriers, becoming the first Black Principal of Santa Barbara County in 1990; and

WHEREAS, serving as principal for Mountain View School, Brandon, El Rancho, and Ellwood School, JoAnne ensured low-income children, children of color, and students with learning disabilities received equitable access to learning and support; and

WHEREAS, her work has enriched generations of students and continues to strengthen the Central Coast.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT on this 20th day of January 2026, the City Council of the City of Goleta, California does hereby proclaim JoAnne Meade Young the 2025 Congressional Woman of the Year.

APPROVED this 20th day of January 2026




PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR