

Mankato, MN – Today, Congressman Tim Walz announced Republican State Senator Julie Rosen will accompany him to the President's State of the Union address next Tuesday. Both will highlight the need for civility and respect in our national and local debates.

"While Julie and I don't always agree on everything, I have tremendous respect for her as a public servant. We do not have to be members of the same party to have productive conversations to move our country forward," said Walz. "We may never know why the horrific violence in Tucson unfolded, but we don't need a tragedy to tell us our politics have become too divisive, our words too harsh and our debate too disrespectful. In this time of reflection, I hope we will remember that we have more that unites us than divides us and that's what Julie and I will be talking about on Tuesday."

"I'm thankful for this invitation from Congressman Walz, and glad for the opportunity to participate in this memorable occasion," said Rosen. "Our record of working together for southern Minnesota has brought successes of all types, and I hope the amiability, respect, and dedication that Congressman Walz and I share will continue in the future."

Senator Rosen has served in the Minnesota Senate since 2002.

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