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Liberian-American Naquetta Ricks Wins Second Term as Representative in the US

(Colorado – November 9, 2022) Colorado General Assembly Member Naquetta Ricks wins her second term as Colorado's State Representative for House District 40. The Liberian-born Representative snagged 61.54% of the votes against her Republican rival, Le Sellers on Tuesday, Nov. 8, sealing a second two-year term in the Colorado State House.

In her first term, Representative Ricks passed nineteen bills, including the Immigration Legal Defense Fund, the Home-Owners' Association Transparency and Accountability Act, the Diverse K-12 Workforce Report, the Towing Consumer's Bill of Rights, and the Behavioral Health-care Continuum Gap Grant Program.

"I am looking forward to working on critical issues facing Colorado, such as public safety, affordable housing, mental health and climate change," she said.

In 2020, when Ricks won her first term in the Colorado General Assembly, she made history as the first Liberian woman to ever hold an elected position in a U.S. state legislature. Leaving Liberia in 1980 after the Coup d'état, Ricks moved to Colorado with her mother and sister to begin a new life. In her new home, she saw the need to have her voice in the US political system, and ran unsuccessfully for the Board of Regents. According to the Colorado State Representative, that did not deter her, but made her even more determined to push forward.

In addition to her position as the Representative for House District 40, Ricks is also the President and Founder of the African Chamber of Commerce for Colorado. She is committed to supporting Liberia in its growth and development as part of the Year of the Diaspora team, and she was a part of the planning committee for the Diaspora Engagement Summit held in May of this year. Ricks also led efforts in bringing over \$1 Million USD worth of medical equipment and supplies to Liberia earlier this year, in support of the war against COVID 19.

A dedicated Christian, she said "Praise be to God. Thank you, HD 40, for re-electing me. I am grateful for your support and confidence. We have a lot of work to do together for Colorado and I am fired up and ready to go back to the Capitol! #BlueTsunami." she added on Facebook.

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