

Herrell, Haaland sworn into the 117th Congress

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Congresswoman Yvette Herrell said she was thankful for the opportunity to serve New Mexico's second district in the U.S. House of Representatives in a video posted to her official social media pages Monday.

"This is New Mexico's office so I'm just thankful to be here and be part of it," Herrell said in the video posted to the Republican Congresswoman's official Facebook page Jan. 3. In it, Herrell gives a brief tour of the Washington, D.C. office inside the Longworth House Office building which she'll call home for the next two years.

She was sworn in later that day, along with New Mexico's First District U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland, and the 117th Congress' members.

Herrell replaces Xochitl Torres Small, a Democrat, who held a single term in the office after defeating Herrell in 2018 for the seat previously held by longtime Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce. Pearce now serves as chairman of the New Mexico Republican party.

"Swearing-In Day in the U.S. House of Representatives has been an exciting and humbling experience," Herrell said.

"I am truly blessed to have been entrusted by the people of New Mexico with the responsibility of representing them on Capitol Hill. With my very first vote I stood against Nancy Pelosi's socialist agenda, voting for Kevin McCarthy to be Speaker instead. And with the oath of office I solemnly pledged to 'well and faithfully discharge the duties' of my office and to always uphold the Constitution of the United States of America."

Herrell and Haaland, a Democrat, are part of a historic all-women delegation for the state which Haaland said "reflects the diversity of the state."

"Additionally, the historically diverse Democratic Majority – now nearly 70 percent women, people of color and LGBTQ – is ready to get to work to fight for the people and to partner with the Biden-Harris administration to Build Back Better," Haaland said in a news release.

“This year’s swearing in was much different than 2018 – with COVID-19 raging in the country and families suffering in the pandemic economy, the work we have to do is urgent. I’m proud to be a member of the 117th Congress and will continue fighting to bring opportunity to everyone and ensure we have a healthy planet for future generations,” said Haaland.

Haaland also holds offices in Washington, D.C. and announced the opening of an office at 100 Gold Avenue SW in Albuquerque.

Herrell will open two district offices in Roswell and Las Cruces. To reach her now, constituents may write to 1305 Longworth House Office building or call 202-225-2365.

Find official information about Congresswoman Herrell's work at <https://herrell.house.gov/contact/offices>.