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Senator Barbara McGuire, LD8

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Senator Barbara McGuire statement on the passing of Mary Thomas

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Senator Barbara McGuire released the following statement on the death of Gila River Indian Community leader Mary Thomas:

“Mary Thomas was not only the first woman to lead her community; she was also a strong voice for tribal gaming, water rights and poverty. She had a soft voice but led with authority and integrity,” said Sen. McGuire.

"Mary was a kind, wise woman who left a lasting legacy in her community and on the state. She will be missed dearly."

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