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Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers (R-25)

Representative Jennifer Longdon (D-24)

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Remembering Carly Verbeke

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – House Speaker Rusty Bowers and Representative Jennifer Longdon issued the following statements in remembrance of Carly Verbeke, who served as a nonpartisan research intern for the Arizona House of Representatives in 2019. Carly passed away unexpectedly on September 15, 2020.

House Speaker Rusty Bowers:

“Carly was such a bright and spirited addition to our House family. I am heartbroken over her untimely passing at just 24. Her time with us was powerful and inspirational. I have tremendous gratitude for her as an individual and for her contributions in influencing meaningful accessibility improvements to the House building to better accommodate the disability community. She made a real difference and leaves a resonant legacy.”

Representative Jennifer Longdon:

“I met Carly during my first year as a legislator and we bonded quickly with our shared humor over our access challenges. She became an invaluable part of the team working on improving accessibility in the House. Our friendship continued after she left to pursue her work to advance policy and the law for people with disabilities. At 24, she was far too young to leave us. Carly was smart, kind, and tough as nails – she was clearly destined to do great things. She did exactly that!”

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