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Washington, DC – Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (CA-5) issued the following statement in response to Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announcement that she will retire from the United States Supreme Court:

"I would like to thank Justice O'Connor for her years of service to this nation as an assistant state attorney general, Arizona state senator, and as a Supreme Court Justice.

"From her experiences growing up on Arizona's ranch lands, she brought a sense of pragmatism to the bench; offering a common-sense, independent leadership and a reasonable approach to the law throughout her career. There is no doubt that her sharp legal analysis, rooted in principles of fairness and reason, will continue to shape our nation for decades to come.

"Justice O'Connor has been an inspiration to generations of budding legal minds for her dedication to the Constitution, extending equality and justice to all Americans as well as for breaking the gender barrier as the first woman to serve on the United States Supreme Court.

"I join all of my colleagues in Congress in wishing the very best in retirement for her and her family."

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