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**IHPC Mourns Tragic Loss of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski, integrative health champion**

Like so many others, the Integrative Health Policy Consortium (IHPC) joins in expressing our deepest condolences regarding the tragic passing of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski (R-IN) and her two staff members, Mr. Zach Potts and Ms. Emma Thomson.

Congresswoman Walorski was a long-time champion of integrative health, serving as Co-Chair of the Integrative Health and Wellness Caucus among other initiatives in this discipline of which she championed. In addition, Congresswoman Walorski led efforts to combat the nation's opioid epidemic, sponsoring the Todd Graham Pain Management, Treatment, and Recovery Act, which has enhanced access to non-addictive pain treatments.

"Congresswoman Jackie Walorski was a recognized champion for integrative health practitioners and a leader serving as the Co-Chair of the Integrative Health and Wellness Caucus of the U.S. House of Representatives. Her commitment and passion to promoting health and healthcare policy will be greatly missed" said Margaret Erickson PhD, RN, CNS, APRN, APHN-BC®, SGAHN, Co-Chair of the Integrative Health Policy Consortium.

While our membership and network come to terms with this news, we keep her family, friends, and colleagues in our deepest thoughts as well as those of Mr. Potts and Ms. Thomson. The Congresswoman lived a life of dedicated public service, and we intend to honor that service by continuing the critical work of integrative health.

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