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**AIAA MEMBER RUTH McCLUNG WINS ARIZONA'S
7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT PRIMARY**

August 25, 2010 – Reston, Va. – The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) congratulates AIAA member Ruth McClung on her victory yesterday in Arizona's 7th congressional district primary election.

Carol Cash, AIAA vice president of public policy stated: “We believe it is critical that citizens with scientific and engineering expertise become involved in the political process and applaud AIAA member Ruth McClung for her initiative to do so. Citizen legislators with scientific and engineering training lend their voices to debates on policy matters in wide array of areas – aerospace, defense, environmental policy, technology innovation – and ensure that America will continue to be at the forefront of technological innovation. I hope that more citizens with specific training in science and engineering follow Ruth's initiative and become involved in our nation's democratic process.”

McClung is a 2004 graduate of the University of Arizona with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics. She will face incumbent Raul M. Grijalva in the November 2 election for members of Congress.

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