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## Former Army Captain and CIA officer Deb McGrath announces run for Congress in WI-03

Deb, the daughter of former Congressman Al Baldus, launches campaign in her hometown of Menomonie as a Democrat

Menomonie, WI -- Today, Democrat Deb McGrath announced that she is running for Congress in Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional district, which is currently held by Democrat Ron Kind. Ron Kind is not seeking re-election.

Deb released the following statement:

"I've served in the Army, State Department and the CIA for twenty five years. While abroad, I witnessed how countries could thrive or decline based on government responsiveness. Our country struggles to find solutions to issues that impact our national security: adequate education, affordable health care, basic infrastructure, and economic opportunity. I have experience in solving problems through rational collaboration. I am running for Congress to take on these challenges and keep our nation strong."

## **About Deb McGrath**

Born and raised in western Wisconsin, Deb McGrath is a former Army Captain, CIA officer, and working mother of three children. She and her husband, COL (Ret) Kevin McGrath, raised their three children with an emphasis on public and community service. Deb's father is the late Congressman Al Baldus and her mother, Lolly, served in education for over 20 years. Both of her parents came from farm families. Deb grew up listening to the concerns of those in her community.

Deb McGrath served 25 years in national security positions requiring non-partisan strategies for mission accomplishment. McGrath will fight for issues that keep America strong: affordable and accessible healthcare, economic opportunity, thoughtful infrastructure investments, clear voting rights, and respect for human rights. She will advocate to bring broadband to all communities in Wisconsin, as this is critical for the economic success of families, small businesses and farms.

Deb is an independent thinker who will tackle these issues with common sense and collaboration.

While in the U.S. Army, Deb McGrath served in the demilitarized zone in Korea and at several U.S. military bases. In the CIA, her assignments included Southeast and South Asia, West Africa, the former Soviet Union, and Central Europe, including two combat zones. She was awarded parachutist wings, the overseas ribbon, the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal, and the CIA Career Medal, among several other awards.

WI-03 is a competitive seat that may determine the partisan majority in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2022. The current Congressman, Democrat Ron Kind, won the district by 4 points in 2020.

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