

# The Renzi Report

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## Dear Fellow Arizonan:

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is one of the most American of holidays. This is a day for patriots, and for people who love their country and understand how lucky we are to live here. Our nation is guided by the wisdom of men like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and Abraham Lincoln.

Their visionary ideas and actions have helped shape our nation as the greatest country in the world. America's Independence Day on July 4<sup>th</sup> is also a fitting time to remember the men and women who are protecting our nation's freedoms. The values that we cherish as Americans serve as a global blueprint of liberty and justice. America's place in the world is more important than ever. Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and may God bless America.

As always, feel free to tell your family members, friends and neighbors about the Renzi Report. You can sign up to receive this email and find additional information about developments in Congress at my website. Just click on the following link: <http://www.house.gov/renzi>.

If you have any questions or comments about this e-newsletter or anything else, please e-mail me at [rick.renzi@mail.house.gov](mailto:rick.renzi@mail.house.gov) and I will get back to you as quickly as possible. I hope you find this Renzi Report informative. Thank you and may God bless America.



Congressman Rick Renzi

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## *Rural Arizona Legislative Update*

### Renzi Chairs Congressional Task Force Hearing to Improve National Environmental Policy Act



Congressman Rick Renzi Opens a Recent NEPA Task Force Hearing held at the Blue Ridge High School

Congressman Rick Renzi chaired a field hearing called by the Congressional Task Force on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the White Mountains recently. The hearing focused on the role of NEPA in the Southwestern states, including issues specific to Arizona like timber, grazing and water use

The goal of the NEPA Task Force is to assess the implementation of the act in its 35 year history. The review includes improving the National Environmental Policy Act, helping ensure the original intent of the landmark law is being implemented, and understanding the economic impacts of the way the law is currently applied.

Renzi said that the National Environmental Policy Act was intended to ensure that federal decisions are made in an environmentally sound manner, not to stifle community and regional economic development. The NEPA Task Force is a bipartisan group of House Resources Committee members and is holding hearings in

six regions across the nation, including the Northwest, the Southwest, Intermountain, the South, the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic.

At the conclusion of the hearings, the Task Force will be issuing a report to discuss its findings and make appropriate recommendations to address the economic impacts of NEPA and ensure that the original intent of the law is being fulfilled.

### Renzi Pushes for More Federal Education Funds for Rural Arizona

Congressman Rick Renzi is pushing for more federal education funds for rural Arizona to help offset the requirements of the No Child Left Behind policy. Congressman Renzi joined several other members in pushing the House Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education to restore the funding level for Title V of the No Child Left Behind Act to \$200 million. Title V of No Child Left Behind allows flexibility for schools to promote local innovation and customization of school curriculums.

Renzi said this funding is incredibly important to Arizona's rural schools. He said the flexibility provided by this funding will maximize each school's ability to deliver the best educational opportunities for all of rural Arizona's students.

### ***– NEW WEBSITE DESIGN –***

We have updated and redesigned our website to make it easier to use. Please log on and let us know what you think. [www.house.gov/renzi](http://www.house.gov/renzi)

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## *Native American and Veterans Legislative Update*

### Renzi Fights for Tribal Law Enforcement Funds

Congressman Rick Renzi (AZ-1) joined twenty other Republicans to fight for more law enforcement funds for the Navajo and Apache people in rural Arizona. Renzi was also one of only nine other Republicans to vote to increase funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program.

“Providing our law enforcement officers with the proper tools to safely protect their communities is vital to the Navajo and Apache people,” said Congressman Renzi. “These funds are needed to help pay for law enforcement essentials like new technologies to help investigate, respond and prevent crimes, as well as improve the overall criminal justice system for these areas. I look forward to working with local community leaders to ensure that the areas that need the increased attention of law enforcement receive it.”

### Renzi Stresses Importance of New Wounded Warrior Program Before House Veterans Affairs Committee

Congressman Rick Renzi (AZ-1) stressed the importance of the new Wounded Warrior program that was recently passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush. Renzi testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee and pushed the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure the program helps wounded veterans who need it most. This new program will give disabled servicemembers a vital economic boost after they are injured in battle.

### Congressman Renzi and Maj. General Gene Renzi Award Purple Heart to WWII Navajo Code Talker Teddy Draper



Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Corp. Teddy Draper, Maj. General Gene Renzi and Congressman Renzi take photos after the Purple Heart ceremony.

Congressman Rick Renzi joined his father, Maj. Gen. Gene Renzi over Memorial Day to recognize the heroic sacrifices and service of Marine Corporal Teddy Draper, who fought for freedom on Iwo Jima during World War II. Corp. Draper was awarded a Purple Heart for his courageous actions more than 40 years after the war had ended.

Congressman Renzi said that this Purple Heart ceremony gave America the opportunity to properly honor a true hero and patriot, and that Marine Corporal Teddy Draper continues to inspire our nation as a shining example of the spirit of sacrifice and commitment to freedom shown by all of our Navajo Code Talkers. “We can never fully repay Corporal Draper for his courage and sacrifices, but we can honor and remember his heroic service to our nation.”

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### [Congressional task force listens to environmental policy 'horror stories'](#)

White-Mountain Independent

### [More Canyon buses, parking urged](#)

Arizona Republic

### [Lawmakers want injury insurance expanded](#)

Stars and Stripes

### [Airport may land more acres](#)

Williams-Grand Canyon News

### [A Memorial Day to remember](#)

White-Mountain Independent

### [Courage and Sacrifice: Belated Purple Heart ceremony honors code talker 60 years after Iwo Jima](#)

Navajo Times

### [Navajo Code Talker Teddy Draper Sr. receives long-awaited Purple Heart](#)

Navajo – Hopi Observer

### [Legislation for land exchange proposed](#)

Eloy Enterprise

### [Our officers: Protecting and serving](#)

White Mountain News

### [Renzi pushes for funds to fight hunger](#)

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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Schedule



*Congressman Renzi Will Be Speaking and Appearing at the Following 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events*

### JULY 2, 2005

**10:00am** Taylor Patriotic Program  
LDS Stake Center –  
Recreation Hall  
Taylor, AZ

**7:00pm** Heber - Overgaard  
Community Leaders  
Dinner –

**9:00pm** Fireworks Festivities  
Heber - Overgaard, AZ

### JULY 4, 2005

**7:00am** Annual Show Low 4<sup>th</sup> of  
July Dignitary Breakfast  
Show Low Senior Center  
301 East McNeil  
Show Low, AZ

**9:30am** Annual Show Low  
4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade –  
“Let Freedom Ring”

**9:00pm** Fireworks – Show Low, AZ