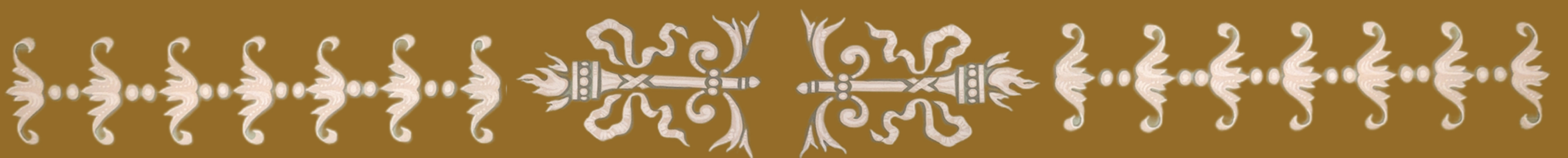
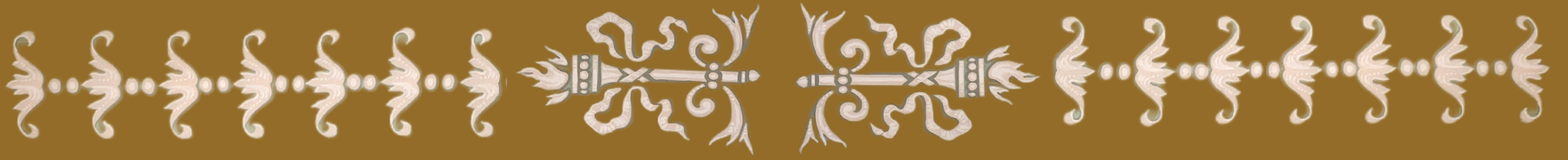


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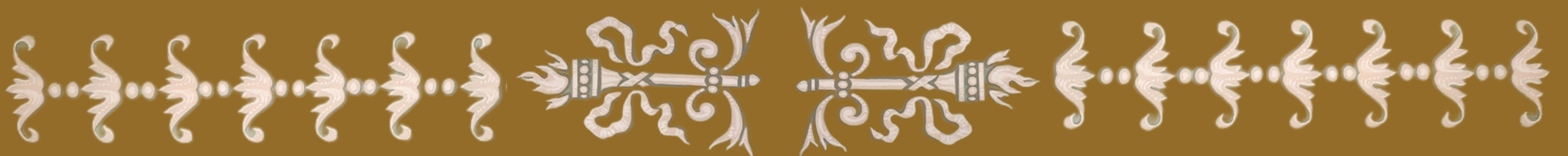
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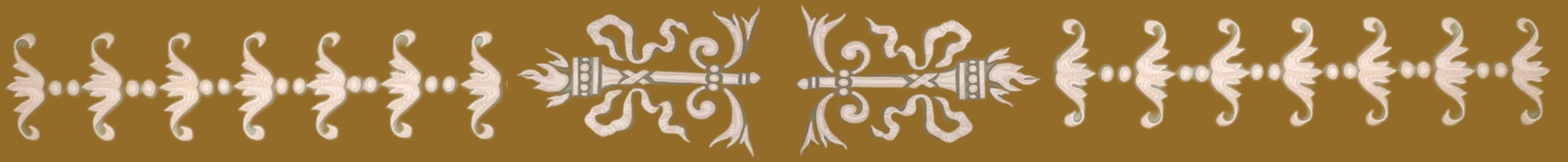




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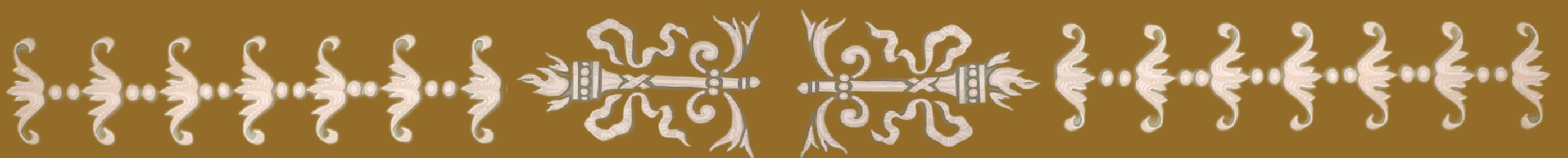
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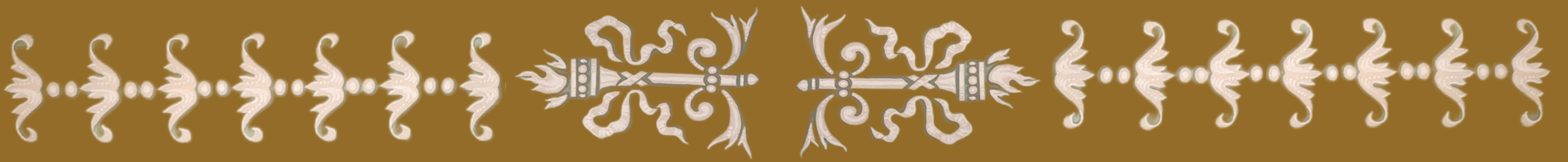




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# Interpretation





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## About the Exhibit

As you enter the Rotunda, you will be greeted by displays representing all 100 members of the Colorado General Assembly, which is the state's legislative body and is composed of 35 senators and 65 representatives, each elected to serve the district in which they live.

This exhibit showcases every senator and representative through two perspectives: who they are today and who they were as children. By pairing present-day portraits with images from their youth, the exhibit highlights the personal journeys that led each individual to public service.

As you move through the exhibit, you will also discover what makes each Colorado House and Senate district unique, as told through the experiences and viewpoints of the people elected to represent them.

This exhibit is dedicated to the students of Colorado—the future leaders of our state. We hope it inspires them, and you, to vote, to engage in Colorado's government, and perhaps one day to run for public office! Your engagement helps shape the future of our state.

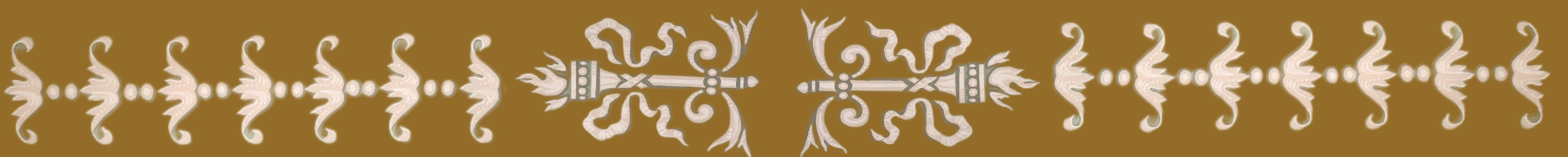
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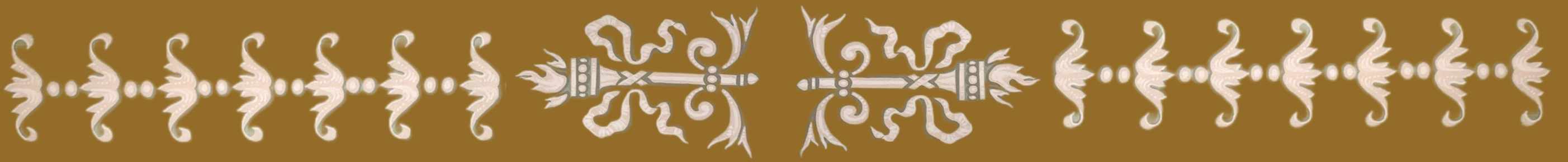
How do the backgrounds and life stories of legislators influence the way they represent their districts?

### Key:

The legislators are organized in alphabetical order. The background color for each legislator indicates the chamber in which they serve: brick red for the Senate, and forest green for the House. You will note several individuals whose background is lighter in color. These legislators hold leadership positions in the House and the Senate, and are called the Executive Committee.

You can find this exhibit online by scanning this QR code.





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## About the Colorado General Assembly

Each Senate district has approximately 165,200 Colorado residents, while each House district has roughly 88,000 Coloradans. Senators serve four-year terms, and Representatives serve two-year terms. Both offices are subject to term limits of eight years per chamber. If a legislator's term ends in the House, they can still run for any other elected office in the state!

Legislators must live in the district they represent, which means they represent their friends, coworkers, neighbors, and the school children in their legislative districts.

**If you live in Colorado, you can find your legislator here! Scan the QR code and enter your address to find your Senator and Representative.**



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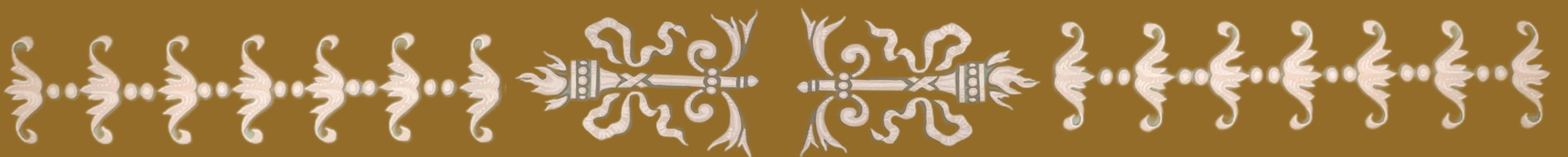
How does seeing leaders as both children and adults change the way you think about who can participate in government?

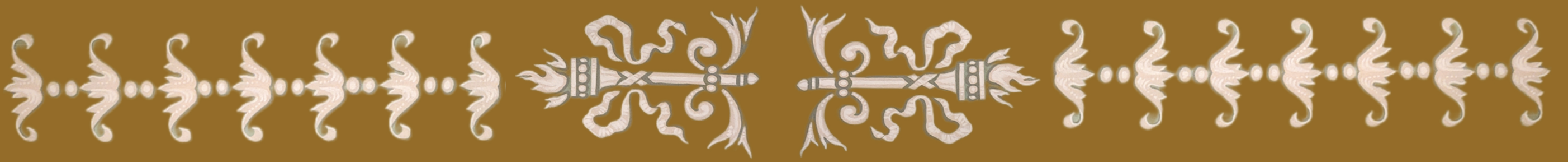
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## House and Senate Maps

Explore both of the State of Colorado's districts using these interactive maps and see how the state is divided into the House and Senate districts.

### Map of House Districts



### Map of Senate Districts



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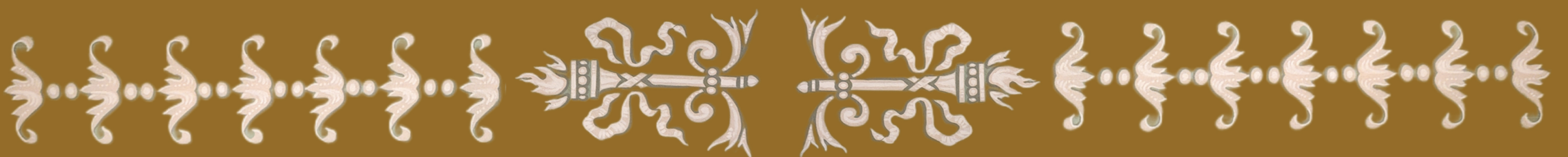
In what ways are Colorado's House and Senate districts similar to or different from one another, and how do those differences affect the needs of their communities?

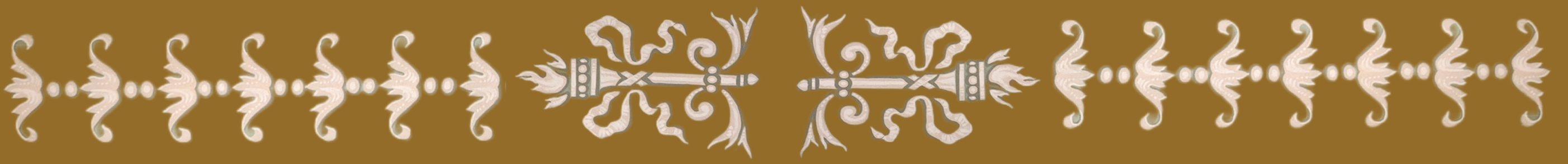
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## Social Media

Join us on your preferred social media platform and share photos of yourself at the Capitol, now or as a kid! Make sure to tag us!

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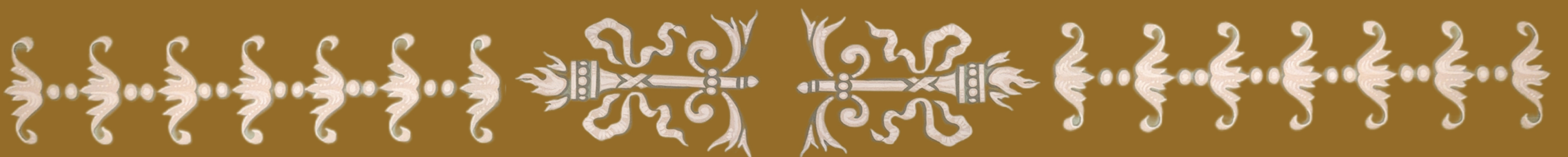
What steps can students and citizens take today to become informed, involved, and active participants in democracy?

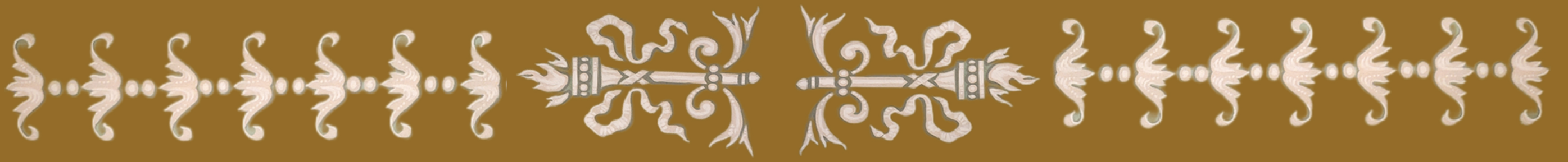
How can voting, civic engagement, or public service make a difference in shaping Colorado's future?

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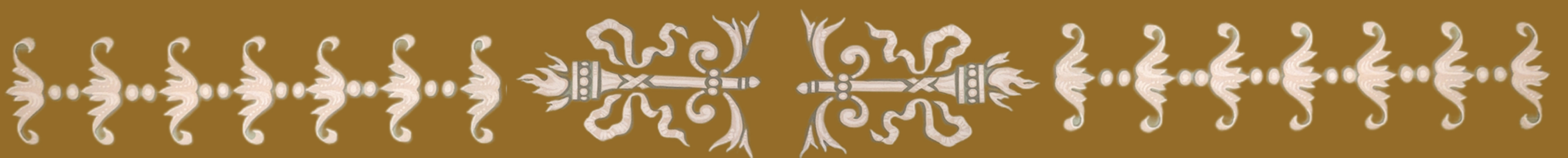
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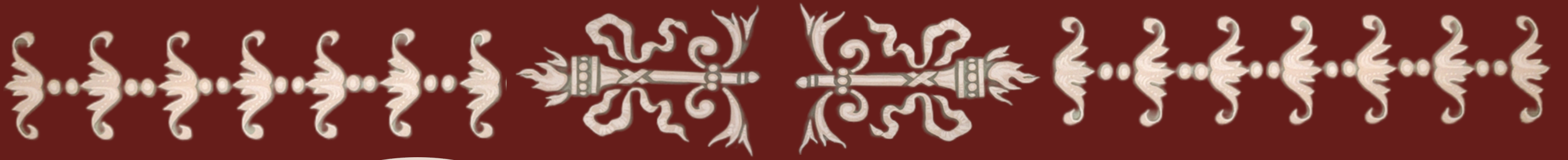




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Members of the  
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General Assembly





# Senator Judy Amabile

## Senate District 18

### What is Special About My District?

Colorado Senate District 18 includes the communities of Boulder, Louisville, Superior, Niwot, and Gunbarrel. District 18 is special because it is a place full of learning, nature, and creativity. People here care deeply about their community and the world around them. Some highlights: District 18 is known for its beautiful open spaces, trails, and parks. Scientists and researchers here study the weather, climate, and environment to help protect our planet; The district is home to the University of Colorado-Boulder and several important science centers. People from all over the world come here to learn, teach, and discover new ideas; Communities in District 18 are close-knit and welcoming.

Residents volunteer, help one another, and take pride in where they live; With the Rocky Mountains nearby, the district offers amazing views and outdoor adventures like hiking and biking, helping people stay active and connected to nature.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I worked in business for many years. For 25 years, I owned a Colorado company that made Polar Bottle water bottles. When my son was 18, he became very sick with a mental illness. This experience made me want to help improve mental health care for families. Running a business, helping workers, and raising three boys taught me how to solve problems. These lessons guide the work I do every day at the Colorado State Capitol.





# Rep. Jennifer Bacon

## House District 7

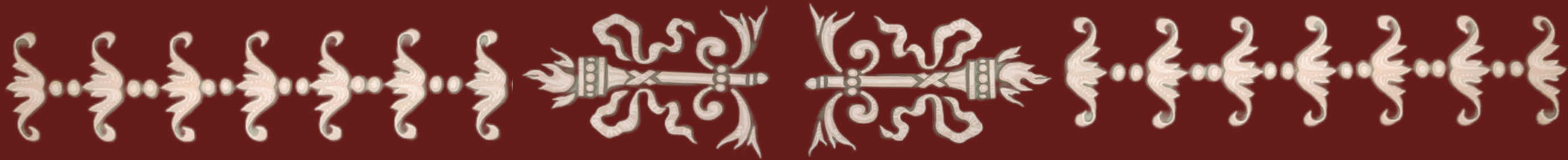
### What is Special About My District?

My district is a vibrant, diverse community in far northeast Denver where families, educators, and neighbors show up for one another and work together to shape a better future for our kids.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

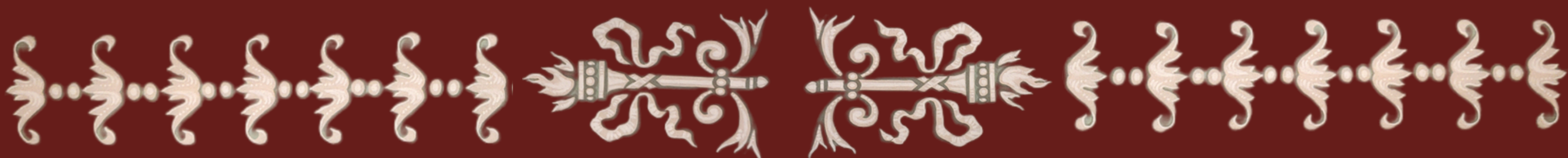
I was inspired by my family's belief that education is freedom and by what I've seen in my work as an educator and organizer. I serve because I believe we make the best decisions when the people most impacted have a seat at the table.

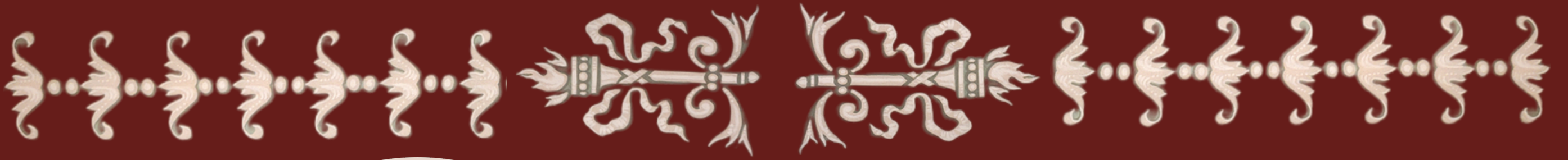




Senator Mark Baisley

Senate District 4





# Senator Matt Ball

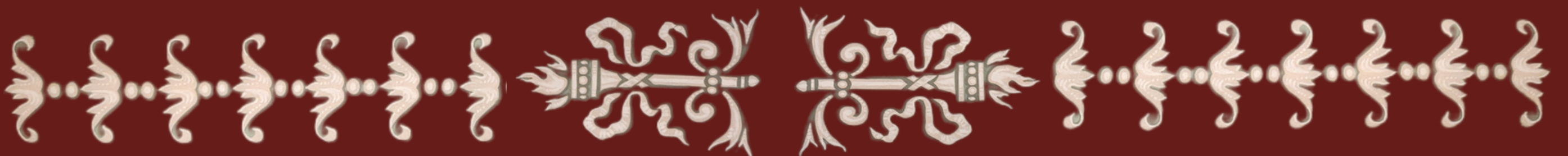
## Senate District 31

### What is Special About My District?

You're in it right now! Senate District 31 is where the entire state comes together for government, civic life, and culture. From live shows at legendary venues like the Ogden and the Bluebird, to a world-class restaurant scene, to tree-lined, walkable neighborhoods, it's a district that reflects the energy of Denver at its best. It's powered by the workers, public servants, and businesses that keep the city moving and make the entire state work.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Serving in the Army taught me the value of responsibility, teamwork, and putting others first. I've carried those lessons into civilian life, guided by the belief that everyone has a responsibility to do their part — and that government should be worthy of the people it serves.





# Rep. Carlos Barron

## House District 48

### What is Special About My District?

House District 48 is very special to my heart and to the people that live here. The district spans from the south side of Brighton, CO and goes up the highway 85 corridor to the south end of Greeley, CO. This district is home to many hard working people. People here work mostly in Agriculture and the Oil & Gas industry. Growing up in this small town and everyone knows everyone feel is very special and I would not trade that feeling for anything in the world. This district is known as the district that feeds and powers the country and that is also very special.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I grew up learning and watching great people helping other people in many ways. Starting with my father Jesus Barron, who did anything to help his neighbors. I saw that with many of our local elected officials on the city council. I also grew up with a very good friend whose father was the mayor of my city. Learning from the mayor and watching his actions compelled me to also want to serve locally which I did in my city before moving up to the state level where I am currently at. Being so proud of the country that adopted me, I am very proud to perform my civic duty and serve the people of District 48 and the State of Colorado.





# Rep. Andrew Boesenecker

## House District 53

### What is Special About My District?

Fort Collins is home to Colorado State University, a robust craft brewery industry, a thriving arts scene, and a vibrant small business community in the historic district of Old Town Fort Collins. Our community is renowned for its bicycle-friendliness, making it an ideal place to attend school, work, raise a family, and retire. Our family chose to live in Fort Collins for the same reason many have; it is a place of opportunity filled with kind folks who represent the best of what Colorado is all about.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Each of us has a responsibility to help one another, find the best in each other, and leave our community in a better place than when we found it. That responsibility applies to every Coloradan, no matter what position or title you might have. For my part, I have been privileged to serve my community as a State Representative, knowing that with that privilege comes the responsibility to meet the moment, build a future full of hope and opportunity, and solve problems together.





# Rep. Scott Bottoms

## House District 15

### What is Special About My District?

House District 15 in El Paso County is a firmly conservative district that has consistently elected principled Republican leaders. Encompassing much of eastern Colorado Springs and Cimarron Hills, the district is shaped by a strong military presence, including Space Force, and a shared commitment to faith, service, and conservative values. Preserved as a true community of interest through Colorado's non-politician-led redistricting process, House District 15 has a legacy of sending leaders with clear conservative mandates to represent its values with conviction and integrity.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

After 34 years in pastoral leadership, I knew God was calling me to step into a new season of intentional change. He placed a burden on my heart to be a voice of truth and light in a dark and broken system. I am committed to serving as a representative who will not compromise convictions or change principles once elected. My life and leadership are rooted in serving God and guided by a biblical worldview.





# Rep. Mary Bradfield

## House District 21

### What is Special About My District?

House District 21 is a very unique area of El Paso County. It is located in the southern portion of the county beginning in the north at the Colorado Springs limits and extends south to the Pueblo County line. The district includes all of Fort Carson, and that is why this district is unique. HD21 has one of the highest population of military personnel - active duty, retired, and disabled. The people are very patriotic, hard-working, sincere, and always striving to better their circumstances and that of their families. It is my honor to serve in the legislature for these people.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

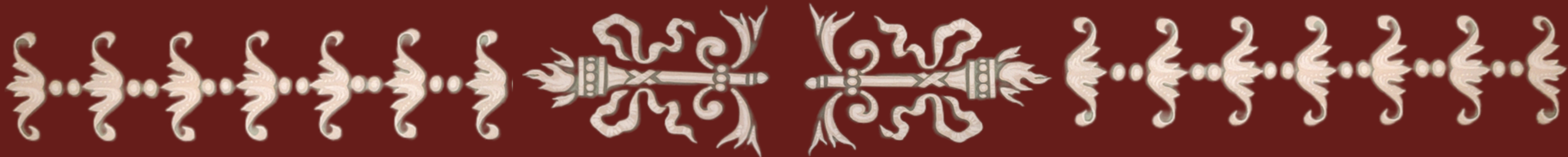
My road to becoming a representative of House District 21 is not a straight one! My husband and I had been precinct leaders for years and active helpers in local elections. After I retired from teaching, I volunteered for the county party and eventually became a county GOP officer. Through this experience I became close friends with my representative, Lois Landgraf. I was able to “shadow” Rep. Landgraf at the Capitol and testified in her committees. As the time came for Rep. Landgraf to work her eighth year in the House Chamber, I decided that this was a job I could do. There was also a series of legislation being passed that I was quite unhappy about. Many, many hours of knocking on household doors and talking to many people in this district made me more convinced than ever that I made the best decision for me. At the writing of this, I am entering my sixth year of service for the people of House District 21.



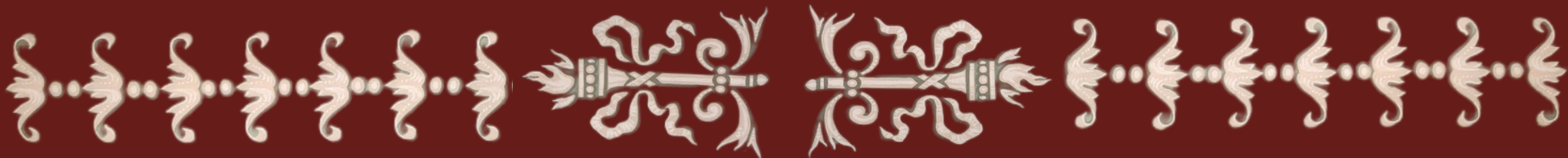


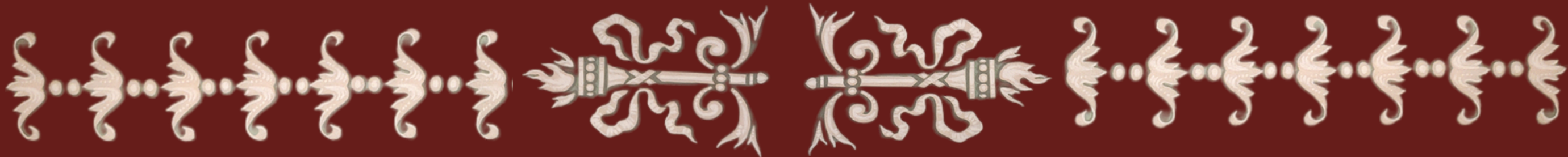
Rep. Brandi Bradley  
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Senator Jeff Bridges  
Senate District 26





# Senator Scott Bright

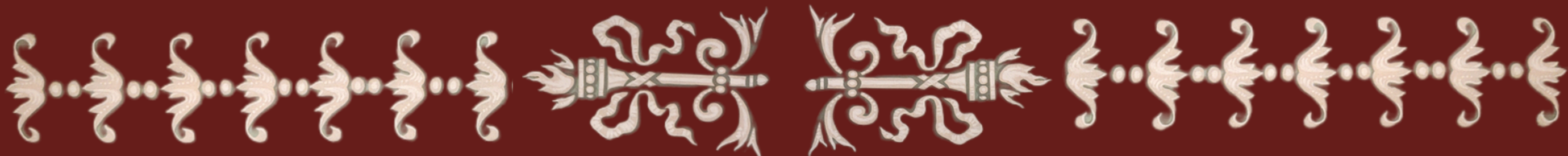
## Senate District 13

### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 13 is special because the people in the Greeley/Brighton area are among the highest producers of heating fuel, electricity, and agriculture in Colorado as well as the US!

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I am inspired to serve my community because I have lived within the Senate District my entire life, and I understand the needs of those I represent. The children of Colorado are our future and we must give them the best opportunities for success!





# Rep. Max Brooks

## House District 45

### What is Special About My District?

House District 45 includes much of Castle Rock, a community that reflects the values Douglas County is known for. It is a place where public safety matters, families are putting down roots, and people take pride in their neighborhoods. Castle Rock has grown, but it has worked hard to keep its small town feel, strong local control, and focus on quality of life, which is what makes it special.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My decision to run for office was a natural extension of the public service I have already been involved in. I have served on town council and several local boards, and those experiences showed me how important it is to have leaders who are engaged, accessible, and grounded in their community. I deeply care about preserving the Douglas County way of life, and I wanted to continue serving in a way that protects the values that make this place such a great place to live.





## Rep. Kyle Brown

### House District 12

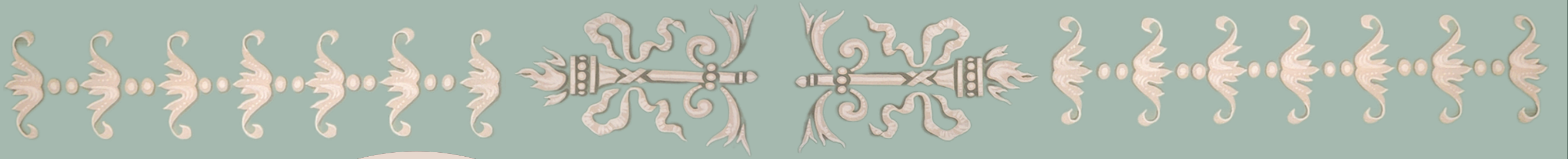
#### What is Special About My District?

My district is special because of the people who call it home. It's a diverse, engaged community that cares deeply about education, affordability, health care, climate, and opportunity. Neighbors show up for one another, stay involved in civic life, and consistently push us to do better for future generations.

#### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve because I believe the government can and should be a force for good in people's everyday lives. I've seen how thoughtful policy can improve access to care, create opportunity, and strengthen communities, and I wanted to be part of that work - listening to constituents and turning their concerns into action.





# Minority Leader Jarvis Caldwell

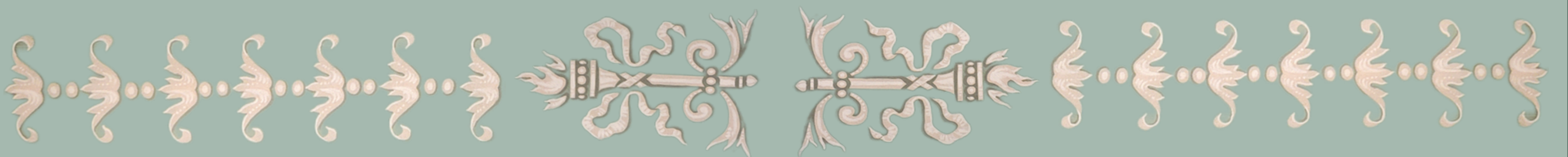
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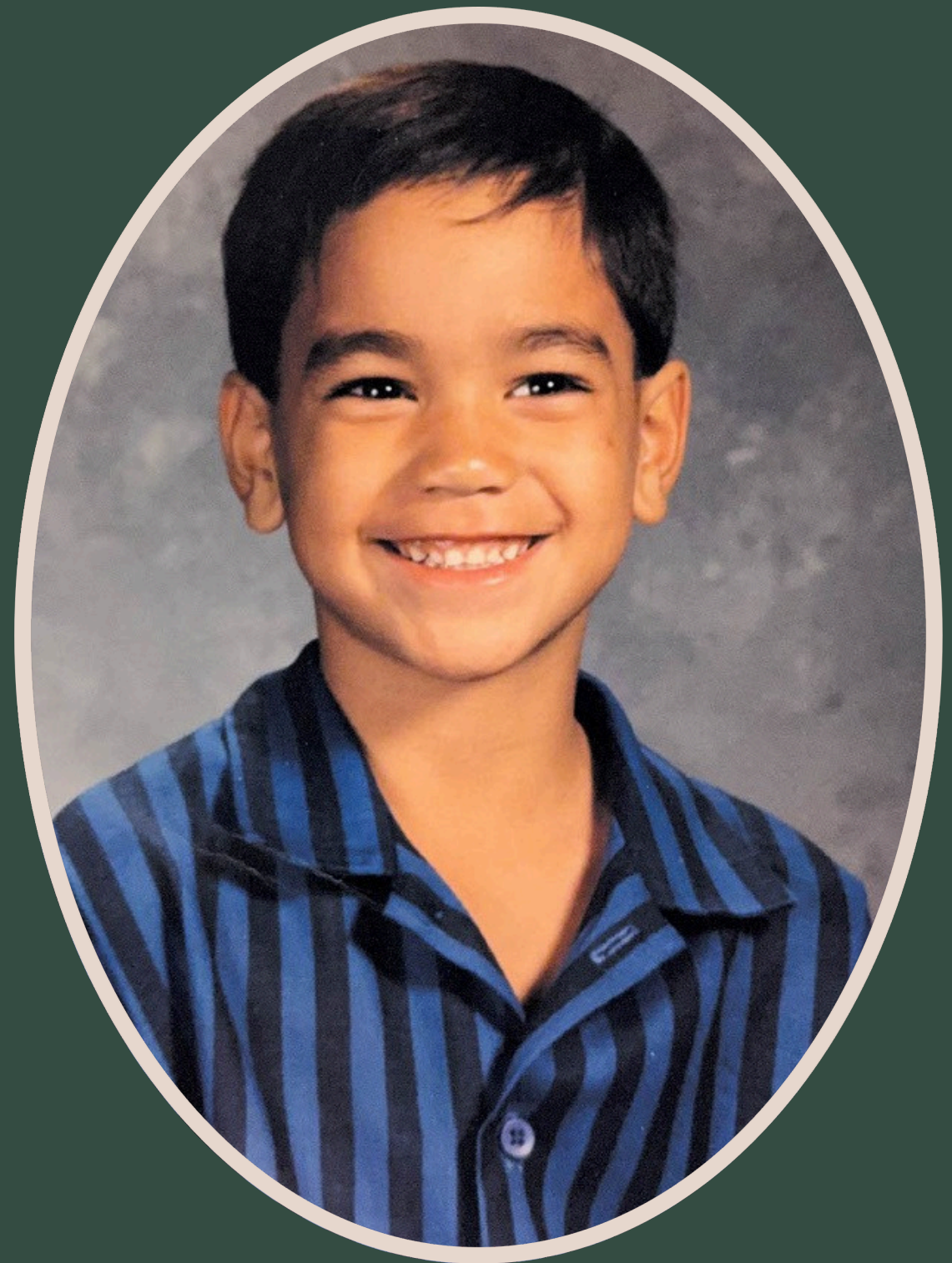
### What is Special About My District?

House District 20 is home to the United States Air Force Academy and Black Forest, two places that are truly unique to Colorado. The Academy brings a national and global presence to our district and reminds us daily of service, discipline, and leadership. Just minutes away, Black Forest offers wide open space, tall pines, and a rural lifestyle that people work hard to protect. It is a district where you can have world-class institutions and quiet country living side by side.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I love my state, and I want Colorado to be a place where families can live, work, and thrive for generations to come. As a dad to two young boys, I want them to grow up in a Colorado that is safe and full of opportunity, and that inspired me to step up and serve. My own background in the Air Force and in public service showed me the value of putting others first, and I wanted to bring that same dedication back home so that everyday Coloradans feel heard, respected, and represented at the Capitol.





# Rep. Sean Camacho

## House District 6

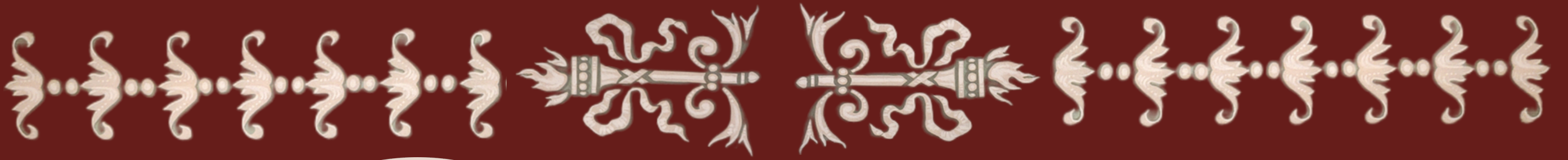
### What is Special About My District?

House District 6 is the civic and cultural heart of Colorado. Our district includes the State Capitol, where Colorado's laws are made and communities from across the state come to be heard, and our neighborhoods reflect that same spirit of engagement and service. HD6 stretches from the historic neighborhoods of Capitol Hill, Cheesman Park, and Congress Park to the tree-lined streets of Montclair and Hale, and down to Lowry, a former Air Force base that has become one of Denver's most successful examples of community redevelopment, innovation, and open-space planning. We are also home to Windsor Gardens, one of Denver's most vibrant older-adult communities, where thousands of longtime Coloradans remain deeply connected to civic life. What makes HD6 truly special is our people, a community where renters, homeowners, students, families, and older adults all live side-by-side and share a belief that Colorado can and should work for everyone.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I chose to serve because Colorado gave me opportunities that changed my life, and I believe those opportunities must be available to every family, not just a few. I grew up understanding the power of community, mentorship, and public institutions, and I've seen firsthand how government can either open doors or hold people back. I ran for office to make sure that every child in our state can learn, thrive, and build a future here, and that every neighborhood has a voice at the Capitol.





# Senator John Carson

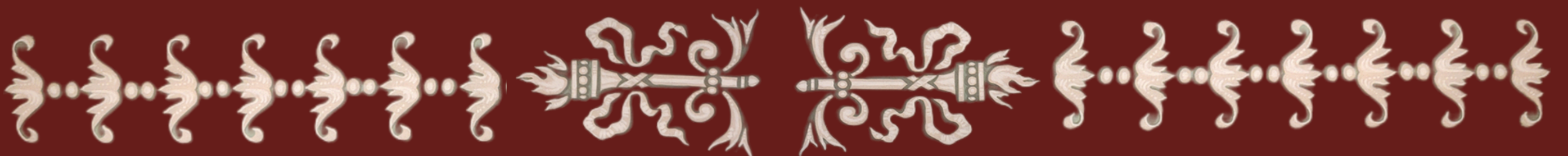
## Senate District 30

### What is Special About My District?

The south suburban Senate District I represent is special due to the hard working families who value education, recreation, the outdoors, and a strong sense of community.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I have always had a desire to help pass on a strong and prosperous community for our children; one built on free enterprise and democratic institutions.





# Rep. Michael Carter

## House District 36

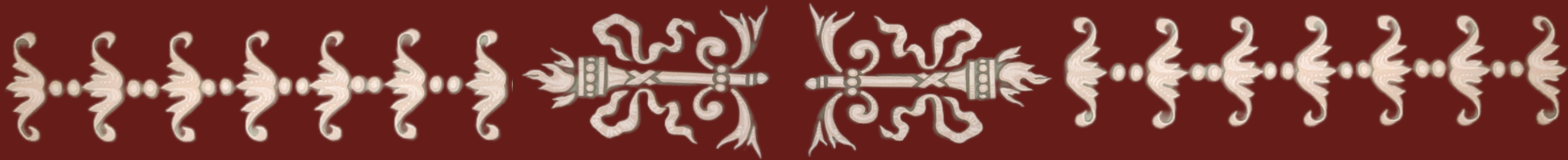
### What is Special About My District?

Aurora is the most diverse city in the state—diverse in thought, culture, and ethnicity. She tests the American Dream. She doesn't always succeed. But every day, she shows up and gets back to work.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

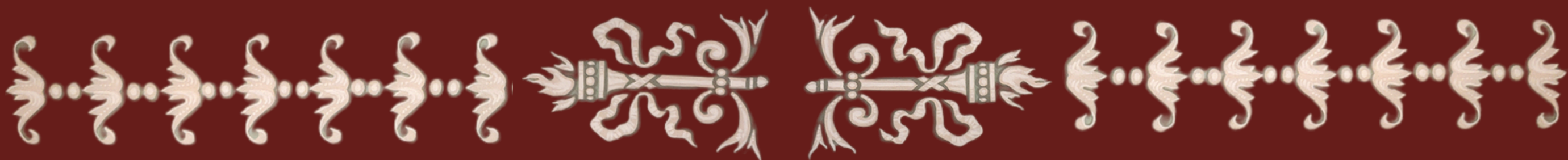
Service runs deep in my family. I'm a third-generation Army veteran, and now we're four generations strong with my baby cousin joining the Navy. I've served as Vice President of the Aurora Public Schools Board, and today I serve as the Representative for HD-36. And at a certain point, if you won't give back—if you won't show up and serve—then you're the problem.





**Senator Marc Catlin**

**Senate District 5**





# Rep. Chad Clifford

## House District 37

### What is Special About My District?

The district lies entirely within Arapahoe County as Denver's southeastern suburbs. The District includes 4 municipalities and dozens of communities. Home of the best ranked school districts in the state (Cherry Creek and Littleton School Districts) as well as the busiest General Aviation Airport in the world. We are also home of the Denver Broncos who have a world-class training facility here, as well as the Denver Tech Center, and Ikea.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My inspiration to serve began early, through volunteering and community involvement. Seeing how small acts—helping neighbors or supporting local causes—created real change sparked a lifelong commitment. Serving my community is the only place I feel truly fulfilled, where purpose and impact come alive in the lives of our families and neighbors.





# President of the Senate James Coleman

## Senate District 33

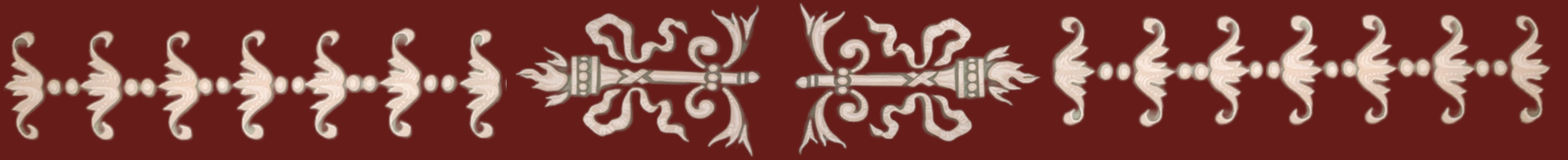
### What is Special About My District?

With the Denver Airport, my district is the front door to Colorado. We're special because we are the most diverse community in Denver, have the best cuisine, and are home to the best attractions including the Denver Zoo, the Denver

Museum of Nature and Science, and Five Points Multicultural Entertainment and Business District.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I'm inspired to serve by Black legislators who paved the way for me and my district. I'm inspired by my faith to help those who need it most.



# Senator Lisa Cutter

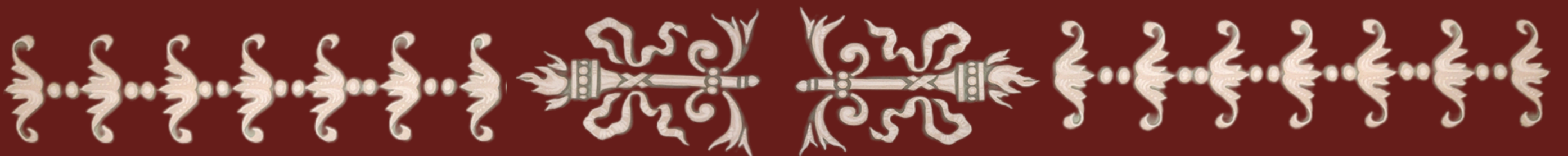
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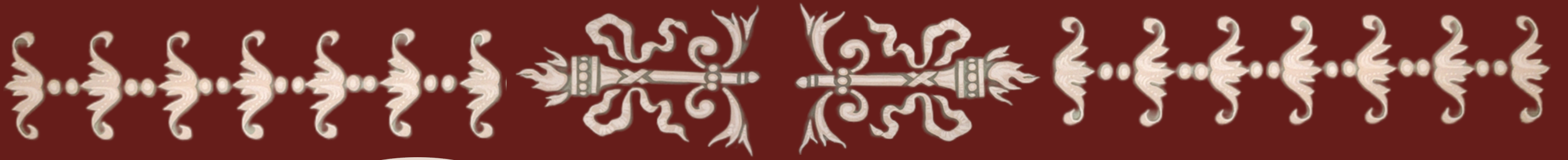
### What is Special About My District?

My district is special because it encompasses both suburban and mountain communities. It is also the home of the best concert venue in the world – Red Rocks Amphitheater. And it is special to me because I've spent most of my life in Jefferson County and now I am fortunate to represent it.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve because I've always believed that you can't just complain if you don't like something. I think you have to work to make it better, and I wanted to do whatever I could to make life better for the next generation.





# Senator Jessie Danielson

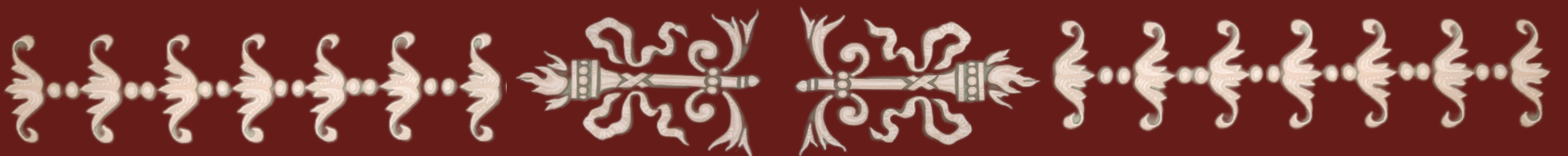
## Senate District 22

### What is Special About My District?

Colorado Senate District 22 is located in beautiful Jefferson County, the “Gateway to the Rockies.” We are home to many wonderful communities. Historic Golden, Colorado, was twice the State Capitol, is currently the Jeffco County seat. Lakeside Amusement Park, which opened in 1908, offers a nostalgic setting for an exciting family outing. We have beautiful trails along creeks and through open spaces. But the most special thing about SD22 is the community itself - the incredible people of Jefferson County. I am deeply honored to live in and represent this vibrant area, rich in history, culture, and natural beauty.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I am a fourth-generation Coloradan, and care deeply about the well-being of the people who live here; as well as protecting our beautiful lands that make our state so unique. Through my non-profit work, I learned quickly that the state legislature makes the policies that impact each of our daily lives. I was supported by my community to run for this office with the promise of working to advance the rights of all Coloradans, and to protect the environment. It has been the honor of my life to work alongside our Colorado community to achieve these goals.





Senator Lindsey Daugherty  
Senate District 19





# Rep. Ken DeGraaf

## House District 22

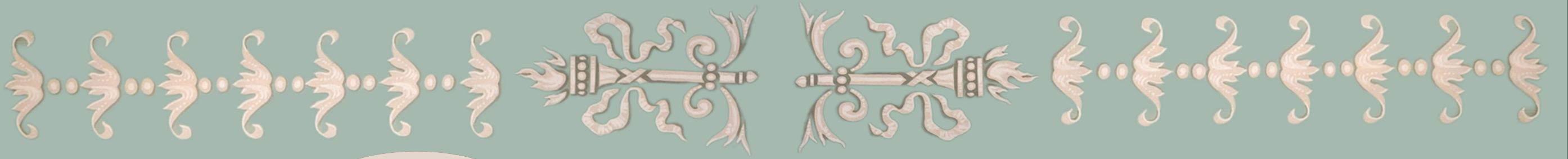
### What is Special About My District?

I am humbled by the opportunity to represent HD22 and all Coloradans. HD22 rests snug in the vista of America's iconic Pikes Peak, and is the home of the families for the workforce of Colorado's major military presence like Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB, the USAF Academy & Ft Carson, and for economic powerhouses like Lockheed-Martin, Northrup-Grumman & Hewlett Packard, as well as nationally recognized ministries like The Navigators and Focus on the Family. Colorado Springs is a family-centric environment with a tradition of excellence

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

After 30 years in the military, I thought my service to the country was complete, but while I had been busy defending our independence & constitution against foreign enemies, I discovered they had become increasingly under attack from within—subverted, undermined and openly attacked by elected representatives who took an oath to preserve & protect it. Having had the opportunity to see much of the world gives a special perspective on how rare Liberty is, and how diligent we must be in its preservation. My goal in “giving back” is to secure those certain, self-evident, Creator-endowed Rights entitled to us by “the Laws of Nature & Nature's God,” and work to return the Liberty, property, and ability to pursue the happiness that enables us to thrive.





# Majority Leader Monica Duran

## House District 23

### What is Special About My District?

Wheat Ridge is special because it blends deep agricultural roots with a proud, people first spirit. Once known as the Carnation City of the World, its rich soil and greenhouses famously supplied carnations to the White House and florists across the country, putting this small farming community on the national map. Settled in the mid 1800s along Clear Creek, Wheat Ridge fed Denver for generations with wheat and other grains, fresh vegetables like onions, lettuce, and potatoes, fruit from local orchards, and the steady work of dairies, poultry farms, and livestock. When residents chose to incorporate in 1969, it was to protect that identity and local control. Today, Wheat Ridge still carries its small town heart, valuing neighbors, open space, local businesses, and a shared belief that community, history, and care for one another matter just as much as growth and progress.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to run for office not by ambition or title, but by lived experience, necessity, and love for my community. I know what it feels like to struggle, to be unheard, and to carry responsibility early in life and I saw firsthand how policy decisions shape whether families are safe, fed, and able to stay in their homes. I ran because too often decisions are made without voices like mine at the table and I believe leadership should reflect the people it serves. Grounded in community, hope, and resilience, I chose to turn survival into service so others can see that even when you are underestimated or counted out, your story can become a force for change.





# Rep. Regina English

## House District 17

### What is Special About My District?

My District is home to Panorama Park, a true destination park for the entire city. What makes it especially meaningful is that I had the opportunity to serve on the planning committee and intentionally engaged young people in the design process, ensuring the park was shaped with the community, not just for the community. That experience reflects my belief that when we center youth's voices and lived experiences, we build spaces that truly belong to everyone. Beyond the park, my district is rich in cultural diversity and community pride. It is vibrant, resilient, and growing, seeing thoughtful economic development that creates access and opportunity while honoring and uplifting long-time residents. This balance of community-driven investment, youth engagement, and inclusive growth is what makes my district not only special but a model for how we move forward together.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I intentionally positioned myself to be part of the solution and impact change, working to ensure that individuals and families have access to opportunities that allow them to thrive and improve their quality of life. For me, service is about removing barriers, expanding access, and creating pathways so everyone can succeed. I lead with integrity and believe in treating every person with dignity and respect. I genuinely love helping people feel seen, valued, and heard, and I find joy in uplifting others and bringing hope where it's needed and deserved. My compassion for humanity drives everything I do, and my desire is always to do what is best for people and for our collective future. My commitment to service is rooted in the principles my parents instilled in me: integrity, accountability, and service to others. Being entrusted to lead is an honor I do not take lightly, and I strive every day to lead with purpose, principle, and a heart for the people I serve.





## Rep. Cecelia Espenoza House District 4

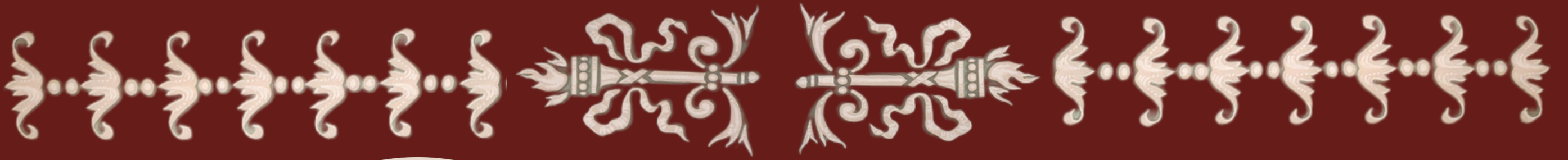
### What is Special About My District?

House District 4 in North/West Denver has tremendous community assets which reflect the diversity of our community and state. Home to Regis University in the North and the Far East Center in the South, Sloan's Lake in the West and the Denver Bronco stadium in the East, North/West Denver is an amazing place to visit and see all that there is to do in Denver. We have wonderful small businesses and vibrant neighborhoods.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

As a first generation college and law school student I have always been motivated to serve the community. My experience as a judge, law professor and immigration attorney inspired me to step into this role in order to meet the current challenges facing Colorado.





# Senator Tony Exum

## Senate District 11

### What is Special About My District?

SD11 is the most racially and economically diverse district in Colorado Springs, filled with loving people, amazing small businesses, and beautiful scenery surrounding us.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I've been a public servant my whole life: from serving more than 35 years in the Colorado Springs Fire Department, to now serving as an elected state official. I've always done everything I can to help people, from saving them from burning buildings to passing new laws improving their quality of life.





## Rep. Lisa Feret

### House District 24

#### What is Special About My District?

I love our olde town area. It has such lovely shops and restaurants and truly comes alive during the holiday season with our Christmas market!

#### What Inspired Me to Serve?

After the military, I wanted to keep being a part of the community and use my knowledge as a social worker to make sure we are passing great policy for our state!





# Rep. Ava Flanell

## House District 14

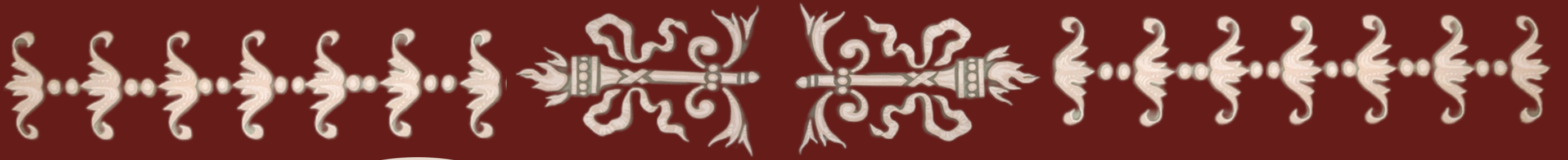
### What is Special About My District?

Colorado House District 14 is a diverse and growing area of Colorado Springs, home to both historic communities like Old Colorado City and expanding neighborhoods such as Flying Horse Ranch. The district's strong local economy includes major employers alongside family-owned small businesses. House District 14 also features some of the safest neighborhoods in the region and is served by top-performing school districts, including Academy District 20 and Lewis-Palmer District 38.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I never planned to enter politics, but as I watched Colorado take a troubling turn, I felt called to do more. After praying for guidance with my Bible study and asking God to reveal His plan, I received a call the very next day encouraging me to run for State House. That moment confirmed this was where I was meant to serve.





# Senator Lisa Frizell

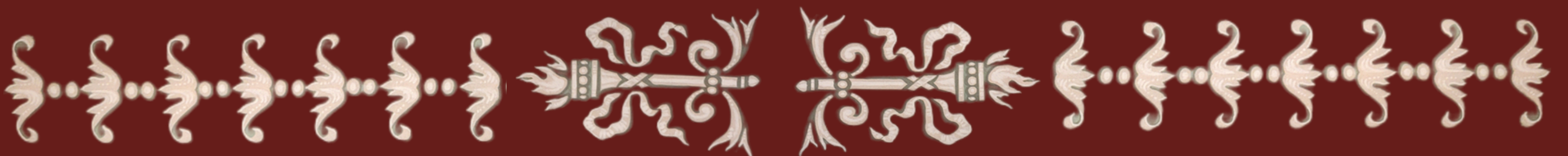
## Senate District 2

### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 2 is a fantastic combination of rural and suburban Colorado, and attracts new residents with amazing recreation opportunities, a very successful school district, stunning vistas, and safe communities.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My parents and grandparents taught me the importance of being present in your community, and that it is our civic duty to be involved. That doesn't have to mean running for office - volunteering as a scout leader, working in a food bank, or lending a hand in your church or synagogue are more examples of participation. Giving to others is a rewarding and humbling experience that I wish for everyone.





# Rep. Meg Froelich

## House District 3

### What is Special About My District?

House District 3 is a wonderful, vibrant community of South East Denver along with the towns of Cherry Hills, Sheridan, and Englewood. We have five school districts in a small geographic area - Denver, Cherry Creek, Littleton, Englewood and Sheridan. With House District 3 we have some of the wealthiest zip codes in Colorado along with the most economically challenged. Home to the Gothic Theater, the Bagel Deli, Brewability, and many tasty and exciting spots, House District 3 combines great night life with being a terrific place to raise a family.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I have long been inspired by people who serve in public office, especially those who break through barriers. I have a decades-long commitment to recruiting, training, and supporting progressive women interested in serving in elected office. I was talking to some women about my current State House seat when it became open and folks started saying "why don't you run?" Like a lot of people, I lost the first time I ran for the Legislature. During that campaign I completed a documentary, Strong Sisters: Elected Women in Colorado. It was a tremendous privilege to interview over 70 Coloradans about their experiences and to learn the unique history of women in politics in Colorado. Working on that film really made me want to serve my community and it made me even more grateful for the women who came before me.





# Rep. Lori Garcia Sander

## House District 65

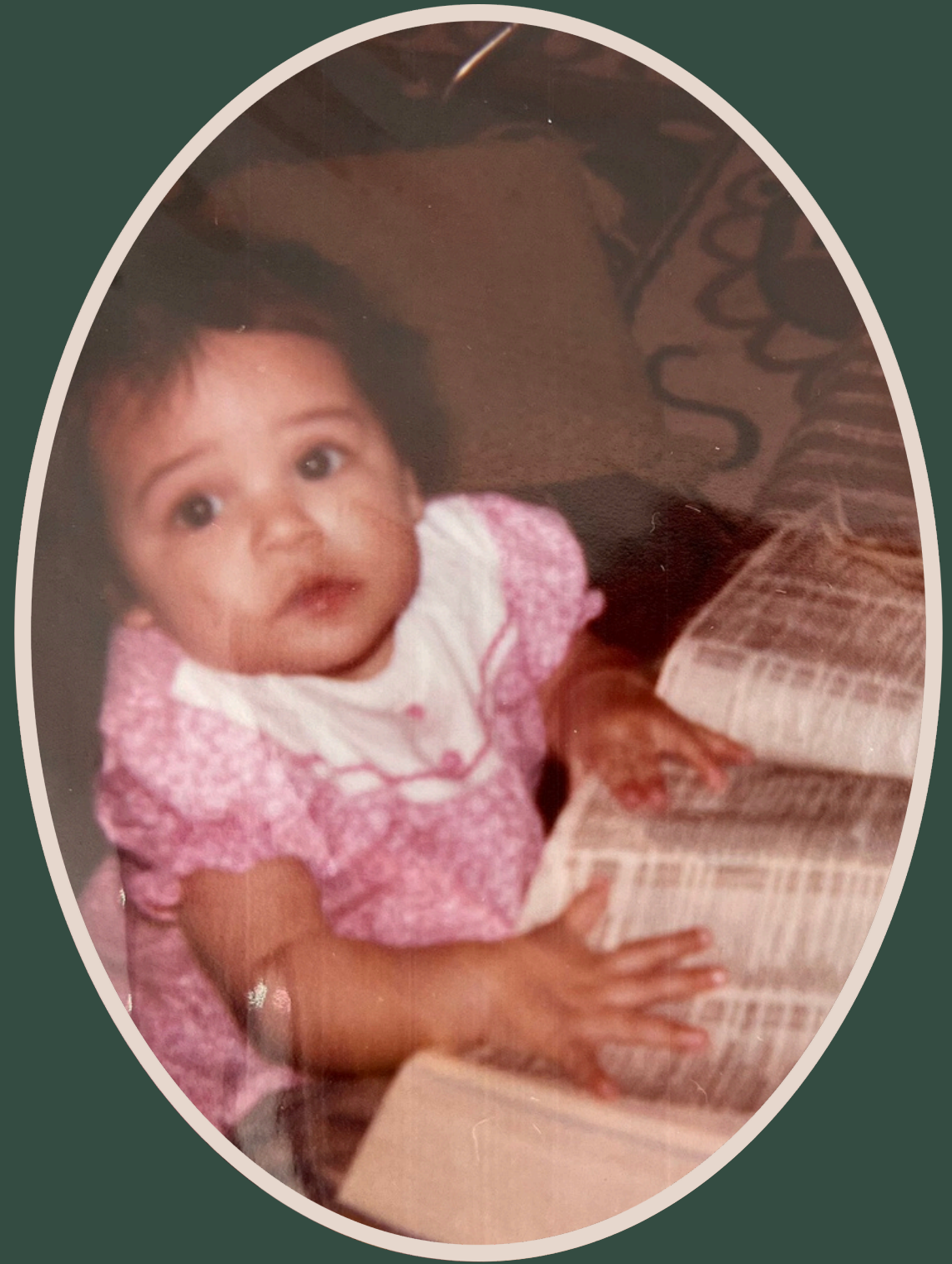
### What is Special About My District?

House District 65 has a wonderfully-unique blend of prolific natural resources and deep agricultural roots along with some of the fastest-growing suburban communities in Colorado. Several of the high schools in HD65 are perennial state title winners in all areas including sports, band, and FFA!

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

As a former teacher and school principal at two different schools within HD65, I was inspired to continue serving my families and community members in a different way upon my retirement with a continued focus on education, safety, and affordability for Weld and Larimer counties and all Coloradans.





## Rep. Lorena Garcia

### House District 35

#### What is Special About My District?

HD 35 is a resilient, committed district. Families have lived in HD 35 for generations. Homes are passed down to their kids. There is a beautiful history found in South Westminster.

#### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My community inspired me to serve. They asked me and I said yes. They asked me to keep serving and I said yes. Their hope and their commitment to each other is inspiring.





# Rep. Lindsay Gilchrist

## House District 8

### What is Special About My District?

Colorado State House District 8 in Denver is a vibrant, diverse area that reflects the heart of northeast Denver, with strong neighborhood pride and deep community roots. The district has a long tradition of active civic engagement and progressive representation, driven by residents who care deeply about schools, public spaces, and local opportunity. HD8 is also home to some of Denver's most treasured historic and cultural landmarks, including City Park, the Denver Zoo, and the nearby Five Points neighborhood, famously known as the "Harlem of the West."

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to go into public service by a lifelong belief that government can be a force for good and a place where people come together to solve real problems. Growing up in Denver and later working in public service and volunteering around the world — from Eswatini to Senator Ted Kennedy's office — shaped my commitment to making a difference. That experience, combined with years of policy work, motivated me to use my skills and passion to fight for the people and communities of House District 8.





# Rep. Lori Goldstein

## House District 29

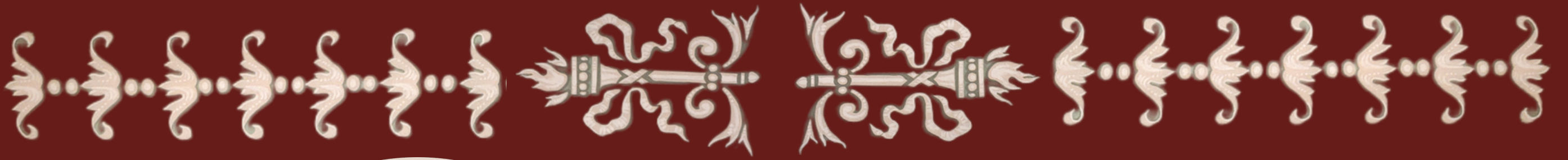
### What is Special About My District?

My district covers almost all of Westminster. Westminster has great parks and bike trails, beautiful views of the front range and wonderful schools. It is a great place to raise kids, I have raised three myself.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

What is special about my district is what inspired me to run for office. I have lived in my community for a long time. I have served my community by working in one of the school districts, serving on its school board, and being involved with volunteering in my community.





# Senator Julie Gonzales

## Senate District 34

### What is Special About My District?

Whether you've just settled in or you've called Colorado home for generations, SD34 has always been a gathering point to welcome a diverse and constantly-changing community. North, West, and downtown Denver is home to the Santa Fe, Westwood, and RiNo arts districts. The Broncos, Nuggets, Avs, and Rockies play in stadiums located in SD34. We are proud of our small businesses, restaurants, music venues, and nonprofit organizations that make our community thrive.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

After years of organizing my community around the issues of affordable housing, immigrant rights, and educational justice, I stepped up to serve my community in the state Senate because I know that when we come together across our divides, we can make transformational changes and improve Coloradans' lives.





# Rep. Ryan Gonzalez

## House District 50

### What is Special About My District?

HD50 has family-driven and community-based roots that have been in place for generations. From our small businesses downtown to our neighborhoods in Arrowhead, my district believes in hard work, dedication, and commitment to our community and our families. A diverse district, HD50 has many important sectors that play a role to our community and to our state. From our meat packing plant, which is the largest employer, to our public school district, our higher education, and our healthcare providers-like our community health centers and our clinics. Based in the heart of Weld County, we believe in freedom, we stand for our oil and gas and the workers, we love TABOR, and we support choice from healthcare to schools to consumer decisions.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

For years, I have seen our political process become more and more polarized. Instead of sitting on the sidelines, I decided to run to represent my district and my community. We need leaders with fresh ideas, leaders who are not part of the status quo, leaders who understand our issues, our needs, and our priorities. We need to rise above the toxic environment in politics today, of the fighting and violence. That is not who we are. It is because we are in America that I have an opportunity to serve as a state representative and be elected at the age of 29. It is because we're in America that I have a right to run for office to fight for my community. I am proud to represent my district, my generation, as a millennial, and be the first Latino to represent my district.





# Rep. Eliza Hamrick

## House District 61

### What is Special About My District?

I love my district! It contains the majority of the Cherry Creek School District schools and a small portion of the Douglas County School District. It also contains the Arapahoe County Fair Grounds which hosts a variety of wonderful events each year, including the county fair. It's a great place to raise a family.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

As a high school teacher of 32 years, my students daily informed me of the challenges and struggles faced in society by our working families and graduates, and inspired me to do all that I can to amplify their voices and empower them to really make a difference.





# Rep. Anthony Hartsook

## House District 44

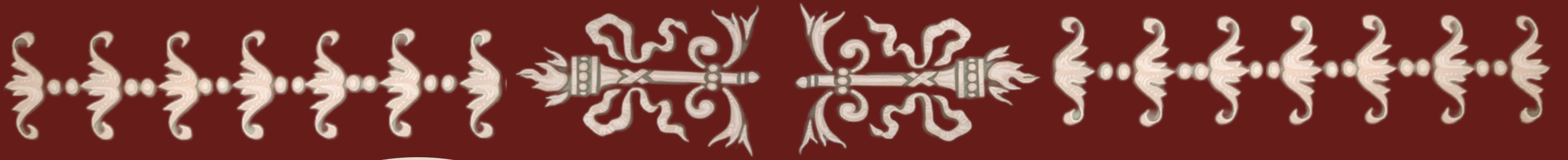
### What is Special About My District?

Parker is a beautiful city in Douglas County. It has a small-town charm, and we love our small businesses on Mainstreet. It is one of the top destination cities in Colorado and in the United States for people moving here. We also have significant horse and cattle ranches in the eastern half of Parker. I love this community and the people in it.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to run after witnessing firsthand the negative impacts of the government shutdown during covid on small businesses, parents, and especially kids. That is one of the main reasons I serve on the House Education and Finance committees. I believe in smaller government and letting people live their lives for happiness and prosperity.





# Senator Nick Hinrichsen

## Senate District 3

### What is Special About My District?

Pueblo's food, water, people, and history are all very special to the State of Colorado. From Pueblo Chile, to the rose onyx that decorates the Capitol, Pueblo has a culture that can't be found anywhere else in the world.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to run for the State Senate for a lot of reasons, but a big reason is the lack of access to transit and affordable housing faced by Puebloans. In a community where food can be very hard to access, I felt that these were critical things to address. As a veteran, I am particularly concerned with threats to our democracy and the increasing attacks on our constitutional rights.





# Rep. Jamie Jackson

## House District 41

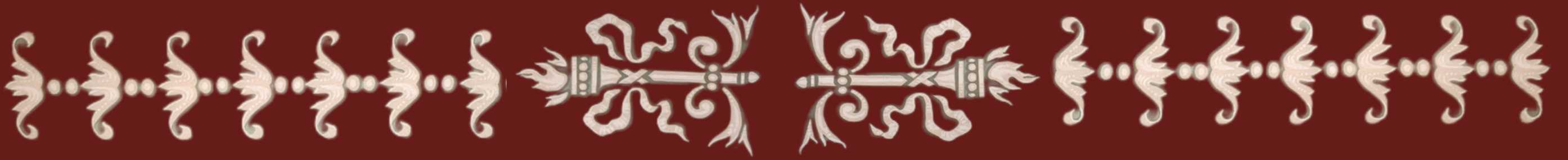
### What is Special About My District?

House District 41 is one of Colorado's most diverse and dynamic communities. Our neighbors come from every walk of life, and we share a strong spirit of resilience, hard work, and looking out for one another.

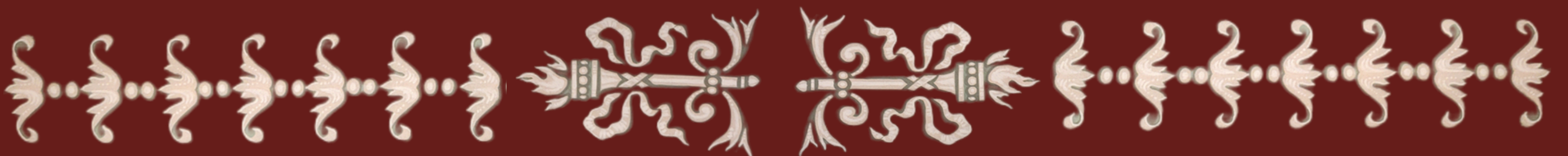
### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My life and career have been rooted in service—supporting families, strengthening communities, and protecting people who are too often overlooked. I'm inspired by the belief that every person deserves dignity, safety, and a fair shot, and that our young people should grow up knowing their voices matter and their futures are full of possibility.





Senator Iman Jodeh  
Senate District 29





# Rep. Dusty Johnson

## House District 63

### What is Special About My District?

House District 63 spans the seven counties of Northeast Colorado and is the state's top agricultural-producing House District, home to six of Colorado's ten leading ag counties. It is the second-largest House District by land mass, borders three other states, and includes more school districts than any other district. While our population may be smaller, our communities are close-knit, resilient, and deeply rooted in taking care of one another. The people of HD63 work hard every day to proudly feed and fuel Colorado and far beyond.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

The people I represent are exceptional at what they do, but they are often too busy keeping their businesses running, responding to emergencies, and caring for their families to spend time at the Capitol advocating for themselves. I was inspired to run so their voices would still be heard. My goal is to serve as a bridge from the Eastern Plains to the Golden Dome, ensuring that agricultural producers, rural communities, and first responders have a strong advocate who will tell their stories and fight to protect our rural way of life.





# Rep. Junie Joseph

## House District 10

### What is Special About My District?

Boulder, Colorado is a truly special place, where curiosity, creativity, and community come together against a stunning natural backdrop. It's a city that quietly shapes big ideas while holding tight to the spirit that makes it feel like home.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve my community by a deep desire to help people and make sure everyone has a fair shot at a better future. Protecting our environment is inseparable from that work, because caring for our planet is essential to caring for each other.





# Rep. Rebecca Keltie

## House District 16

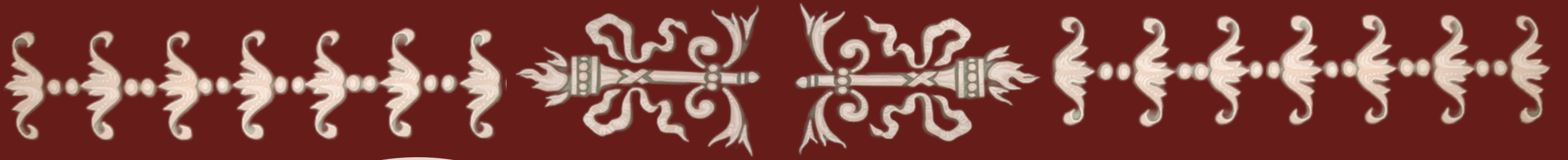
### What is Special About My District?

House District 16 is a vibrant and diverse part of Colorado Springs, shaped by its strong sense of community, stunning Front Range scenery, and deep commitment to service. From established neighborhoods to families drawn to the region's quality of life and outdoor access, HD16 reflects the best of Colorado living. The district's close connection to the U.S. Air Force Academy and Fort Carson, along with its large military and veteran population foster a culture of service, resilience, and responsibility that defines the community and brings neighbors together.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My desire to serve was shaped by both my military service and my deep connection to Colorado Springs. Serving in the United States Navy instilled in me a strong sense of duty, teamwork, and accountability which are values that continue to guide me in public office. After returning to civilian life, I wanted to continue serving in a way that allowed me to give back locally. Representing my neighbors in House District 16 is an extension of that commitment: listening to the community, standing up for their values, and working toward practical solutions that strengthen families and create opportunities for future generations.





# Senator Cathy Kipp

## Senate District 14

### **What is Special About My District?**

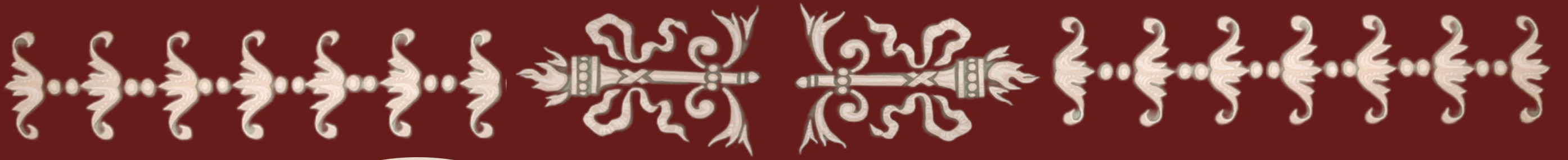
Fort Collins is a diverse and welcoming community. It is a city of tree-lined streets and with an historic but vibrant old town, it is home to Colorado State University, a thriving industry of micro-breweries, incredible local restaurants, over 280 miles of bike trails, open space and recreational opportunities, an active arts community, and the Cache La Poudre,

Colorado's only nationally designated "wild and scenic river," which runs through our beautiful city.

### **What Inspired Me to Serve?**

The need to properly fund our Colorado public schools led me to join the legislature following my time on the Poudre School District's school board. The ability to impact the many pressing issues facing Coloradans has inspired me to continue my service.





# Senator Barbara Kirkmeyer

## Senate District 23

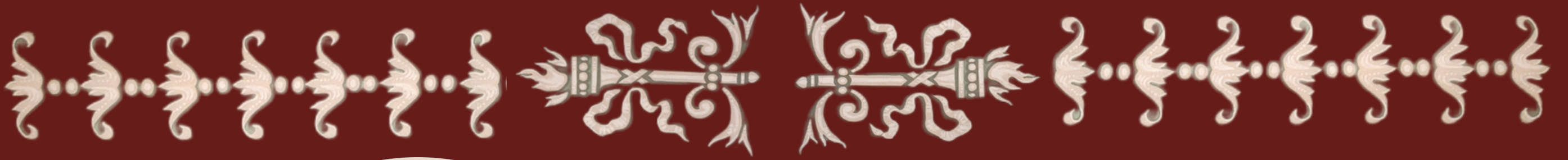
### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 23 feeds and fuels the world. This district represents the very best of Colorado — hard-working families, farmers, small-business owners, first responders, educators, and energy workers who believe in responsibility, community, and opportunity. Senate District 23 reflects Colorado as it truly is — rural and suburban, rooted and growing. And I'm proud to fight every day for the people who call it home and believe Colorado's best days are still ahead.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

From growing up on a dairy farm to running a small business, I learned firsthand the challenges facing hardworking Colorado families. I saw what happens when government decisions affect real people and no one is listening. I serve to fight for affordability, safety, and opportunity — and to protect the Colorado way of life for the next generation.





# Senator Chris Kolker

## Senate District 16

### What is Special About My District?

SD-16 has amazing support and community within our educational system. The community has rallied to support students and families in the wake of tragedies, growing our community stronger.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I decided to run for office because I wanted to give back, be a part of solutions, and represent all voices in my community. I wanted to contribute to stronger mental health systems and excellent public schools within our state.





## Rep. Sheila Lieder House District 28

### What is Special About My District?

House District 28 encompasses parts of Littleton, Lakewood, and a slice of Morrison. The people in my district are truly incredible and politically diverse. Jeffco has the capacity to dream, and when I engage in conversations with my neighbors, they believe in a brighter tomorrow for all of us. Residents of my district enjoy the beautiful Bear Creek Lake park and its campgrounds, paddleboarding at Soda Lake, as well as top-notch public education.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I have always believed that service to others is the most important thing we can do. Throughout the years, I have been guided by a firm belief: you are either a part of the problem or a part of the solution. When I found out that my son, who had purchased a home in the district, would be my constituent, I knew I needed to step up and run for office. This decision was especially important after all the places I had taken him when he was young to do political work for others.





# Rep. Mandy Lindsay

## House District 42

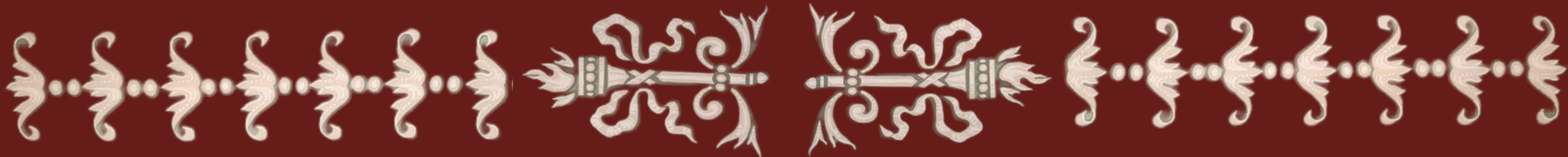
### What is Special About My District?

HD42 is one the most diverse districts in the state of Colorado — you can experience the whole world here in northeast Aurora! We are an established neighborhood with tall trees and deep roots, and at the same time, many of the houses that line our streets are home to newcomers who are pursuing their own American dream. I'm so proud to call this place home.

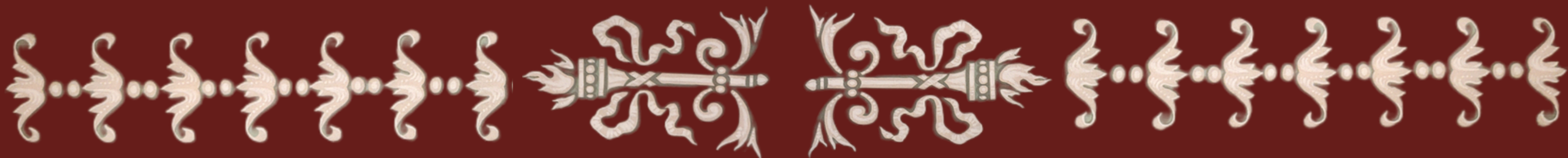
### What Inspired Me to Serve?

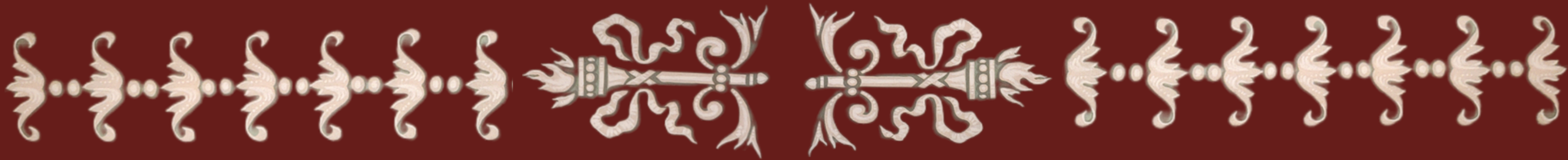
I decided to run for office because I have \*always\* cared about politics and policy, and have spent my entire adult life engaging in campaigns wherever I have lived. I have knocked thousands of doors encouraging people to get involved in the community and express their views and opinions at the ballot box. And I'm also a regular-old-person who's living life, raising a family, and shares the hopes and dreams of my neighbors — and have also experienced the same challenges. It is such an honor and privilege to represent HD42 in the State Legislature.





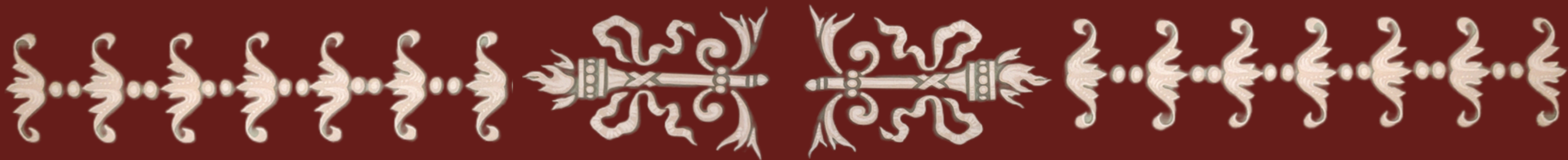
Senator William Lindstedt  
Senate District 25





Senator Larry Liston

Senate District 10





# Rep. Stephanie Luck

## House District 60

### What is Special About My District?

Sixty Amazing Aspects of House District 60 (Though there are many more!): The <sup>1</sup>Aurora Borealis dancing over the <sup>2</sup>rugged Sangre de Cristo mountains. <sup>3</sup>Treasure hunting in the <sup>4</sup>antique stores. Feeling the vibration of <sup>5</sup>thunderous fireworks on <sup>6</sup>Apple Day. Looking up at <sup>7</sup>America's highest bridge while on the <sup>8</sup>Royal Gorge Railroad. <sup>9</sup>Rafting down the white water rapids of the <sup>10</sup>Arkansas River. Supporting <sup>11</sup>local charities through the <sup>12</sup>Rubber Duck Derby. <sup>13</sup>Listening to bands perform in the <sup>14</sup>Blossom Music Festival. <sup>15</sup>Picking pumpkins, raspberries, and apples at <sup>16</sup>long-standing family farms. <sup>17</sup>Singing along with the <sup>18</sup>Butte Theater's vaudeville show. <sup>19</sup>Sliding down the ice sculpture at <sup>20</sup>Cripple Creek's Ice Festival. <sup>21</sup>Boating at <sup>22</sup>Pueblo Reservoir. <sup>23</sup>Searching for fossils and <sup>24</sup>learning about dinosaurs. Fearlessly traversing <sup>25</sup>Skyline Drive. Honoring our <sup>26</sup>Hero neighbors who served. <sup>27</sup>Panning for gold and touring the <sup>28</sup>Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine. Enjoying the <sup>29</sup>Community Dinner in <sup>30</sup>Westcliffe.

Viewing <sup>31</sup>fall colors in the <sup>32</sup>Wet Mountain Valley. <sup>33</sup>Sunbathing at <sup>34</sup>Eleven Mile Reservoir. <sup>35</sup>Snow tubing at <sup>36</sup>Rampart Sled Hill. <sup>37</sup>Hiking <sup>38</sup>Music Pass. <sup>39</sup>Watching antelope roam on <sup>40</sup>Walker Ranch. <sup>41</sup>Eating at the renovated <sup>42</sup>St. Cloud Hotel. <sup>43</sup>Taking carriages out for the annual <sup>44</sup>New Year's Day Ride. Celebrating the state champion <sup>45</sup>Howling Husky Pride Marching Band. <sup>46</sup>Exploring pioneer encampments. <sup>47</sup>Innovating with the many entrepreneurs at places like <sup>48</sup>EDDM and <sup>49</sup>Estes Rockets. Driving the <sup>50</sup>historic Shelf Road <sup>51</sup>(built by businesses, not government). <sup>52</sup>Cruising Above the Clouds. <sup>53</sup>Visiting friends at <sup>54</sup>Coyote's Den. <sup>55</sup>Admiring Cutthroat Trout in <sup>56</sup>Grape Creek. Perusing the <sup>57</sup>many museums. <sup>58</sup>Eating doughnuts at the Howard Fire Station. Attending <sup>59</sup>church services in the park. Most importantly, <sup>60</sup>the generous, independent, and lovely people.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

A love of people and a deep desire to see them thrive.





# Rep. Meghan Lukens

## House District 26

### What is Special About My District?

House District 26 is special because it stretches across the northwest corner of Colorado and includes so many amazing places. From Avon to Dinosaur, and from Oak Creek to Rangely, our communities are powered by agriculture, energy, and tourism. We are home to world-class skiing at Vail, Beaver Creek, and Steamboat Springs. Vail Mountain has over 5,000 acres of ski terrain, Beaver Creek hosts World Cup ski races, and Steamboat has produced more Olympians than any other town in the world. In House District 26, you can catch rainbow trout in the Eagle River, raft the Gates of Lodore, see real dinosaur bones in Dinosaur, and see ranching traditions near Meeker that have lasted for generations.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I decided to serve my community because I wanted to give back to the communities that have given so much to me. I am a high school teacher, and every day I see how decisions made at the state level affect students, families, and schools. Growing up in the mountains taught me the importance of looking out for one another, especially in small towns. Serving my community allows me to listen, help solve problems, and work to make Colorado an even better place for kids and families to grow up.





# Rep. Javier Mabrey

## House District 1

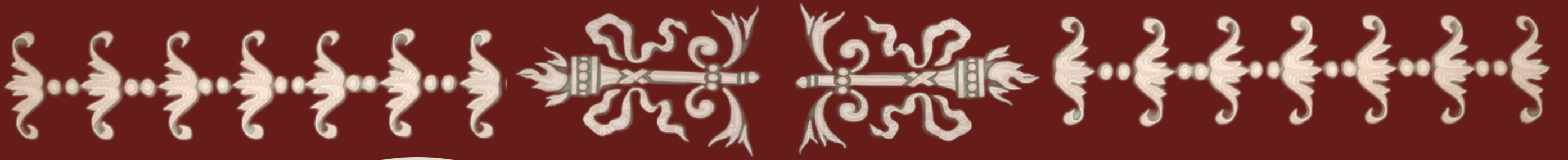
### What is Special About My District?

House District 1 is one of the most diverse working class communities in the state. We have the best restaurants in Colorado. From tacos at El Sampa, to Pho at Pho Duy to Dim Sum at Star Kitchen our locally owned restaurants showcase the heart and soul of Denver.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was raised in Denver by a single mom, our only source of income was her Social Security Disability check and we were poor. I know what it's like to rely on food banks, to have your power or water cut off and to get evicted and be homeless. I am a high school drop out but I went back to school to fight for a better world for families like mine. I worked my way through college as a dishwasher, janitor, pizza delivery driver and cook and I eventually went to law school and ran for office to fight back against a broken system that leaves families like mine behind.





# Senator Janice Marchman

## Senate District 15

### What is Special About My District?

My district is the gateway to the Rockies, home to the five northernmost river canyons, the wedding capital of Lyons, and the historic Stanley Hotel. But what truly defines us is our grit. We are a community of traditional, hardworking people who, despite economic disparities, look out for our neighbors and hold one another accountable.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Service is my heritage; I watched my father fly for the USAF and my mother lead community volunteers. However, my specific inspiration came from teaching. I learned that classrooms are a window into the households of our community. I ran to be a voice for the working poor and those struggling to make ends meet, ensuring they have an advocate in the Capitol.





**Rep. Bob Marshall**  
House District 43





# Rep. Matthew Martinez

## House District 62

### What is Special About My District?

House District 62 includes all six counties in the historic San Luis Valley, and parts of Huerfano and Pueblo counties. The San Luis Valley is rich in history, where we did not cross the border, but the border crossed us! We have the oldest town in the state and still keep an agricultural based economy growing alfalfa, barley and of course potatoes. Huerfano county was one of the original seventeen counties of the territory of Colorado. Pueblo is the hometown to four Medal of Honor recipients giving it the title of "Home of the Heroes." Pueblo is also called Steel City due to the steel mill that opened in 1881.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

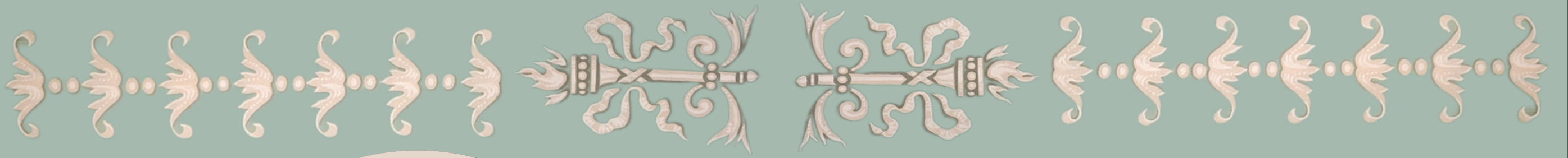
My adult life has been dedicated to public service. First in the United States Marine Corps, then in higher education and now in the legislature. I was compelled to run for office to advocate for Veterans, latinos and rural Colorado. I also want to inspire others with similar backgrounds to run, and make a difference in their communities and the state.





**Rep. Tisha Mauro**  
House District 46





# Speaker of the House Julie McCluskie

## House District 13

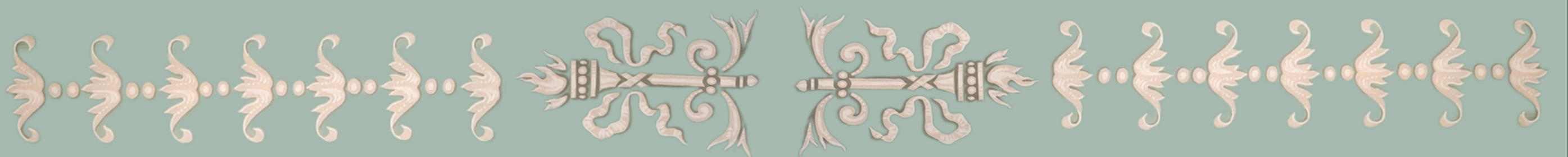
### What is Special About My District?

House District 13 spans the heart of the Rocky Mountains, including the tallest peak in Colorado - Mt. Elbert at 14,440 ft. tall! Home to world class skiing and snowboarding, our District is where Olympians and beginners fall in love with winter sports. These mountains are where the headwaters of the mighty Colorado River begin - providing water to 40 million people in the West, and just about the most thrilling whitewater rapids in the world for daring rafters. Ranching, Farming, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation are what

drives local economies and makes our small rural communities something special. Come for a visit and see what Colorado is all about!

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I've always believed in giving back to my community and helping to solve the challenges facing our working families. Most recently, I worked in my local school district helping deliver a world-class education for kids here in the high country and I decided to run for office so I could work on improving public education for all students in the state!





# Rep. Karen McCormick

## House District 11

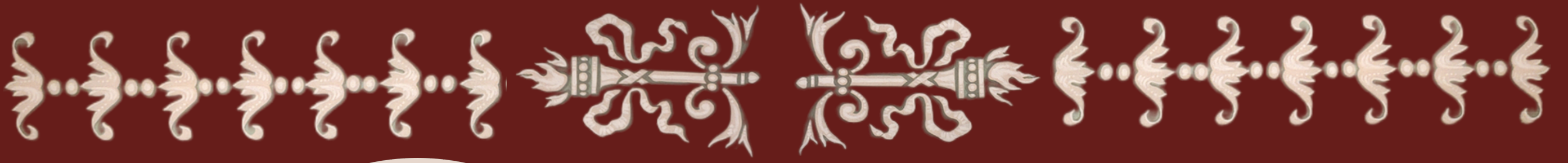
### What is Special About My District?

Longmont is a very special place. It has grown into a city of over 100k people but has managed to keep the "small town" feel. We have a vibrant Main Street and many wonderful small businesses that have found their home here. Our town has invested in nation leading infrastructure giving us strong internet, reliable energy and water, and great city services. Our public school system is excellent, and we have worked very hard to get it to where it is a model for other districts. We Love Longmont!

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to run to stand up for marginalized communities, esp. those in the LGBTQ community. I also wanted to be a voice for small businesses since I was a small business owner. I wanted to try to help our broken health care system which my family has gotten tangled up in over the years. I have been in service to community my whole life and running for office turned out to be my next chapter in that service!





# Senator Dafna Michaelson Jenet

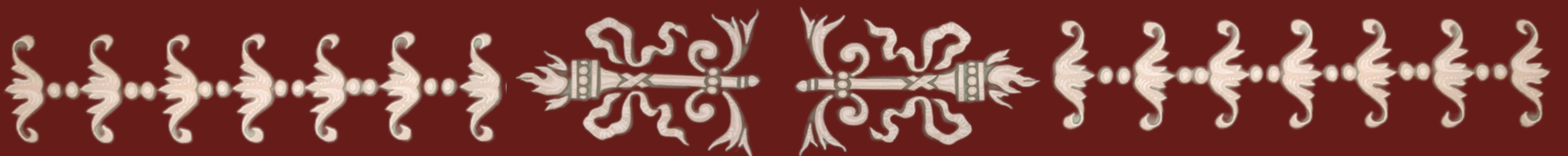
## Senate District 21

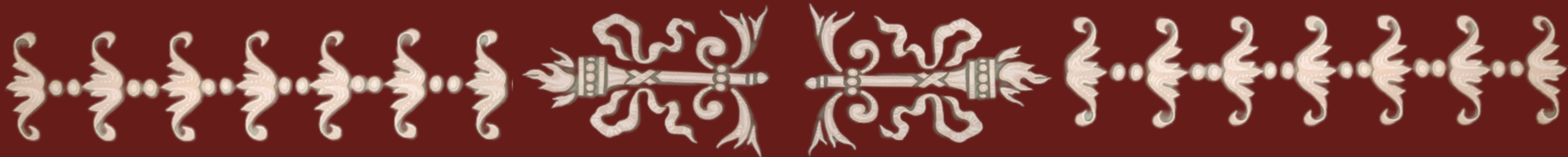
### What is Special About My District?

What is special about my district is we have the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, right in the middle of the district! We are also close to the Denver International Airport.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

What inspired me to serve is my son, specifically when he was in fourth grade and struggling with life and school. I wanted to help him and others like him.





# Senator Kyle Mullica

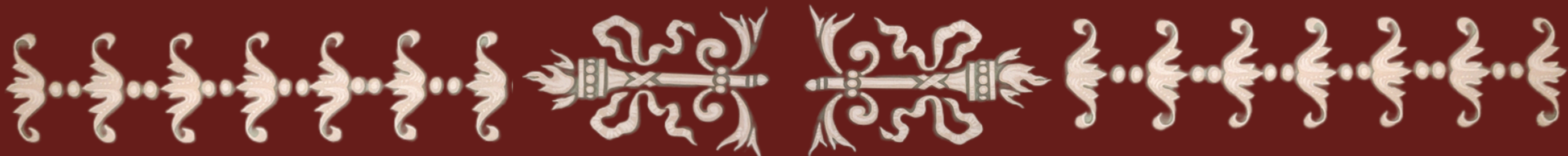
## Senate District 24

### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 24 is where I was born and raised. It's home, full of hard-working people, community, and Water World. It raised me and made me who I am.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I love the people of my district. They are hard-working and deserve someone working hard for them. I was raised by a single mom, so this community played a huge part in raising me. Serving them is my passion, and I love it.





# Rep. Kenny Nguyen

## House District 33

### What is Special About My District?

House District 33 is right on the front range at 5480 elevation. Communities such as Broomfield, Thornton, and Northglenn reside in House District 33. Home to the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge and the Flatirons Mall is in House District 33. Our community is also a hub for the tech community hosting world known companies that bring new emerging technologies to the nation and world. HD33 is vibrant and rich with a melting pot of cultures and ethnicities. You can grab a bowl of pho or dim sum.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve my community over the many years of public service. I'm the son of refugees and my parents were immigrants to this country. I believe in giving back to my community and to serve our nation. I was an AmeriCorps Service Member where I served in underprivileged communities right here in Colorado. My mentor Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera inspired me to run for office and now I'm the first Vietnamese American to ever hold public office at the State Assembly.





# Rep. Amy Paschal

## House District 18

### What is Special About My District?

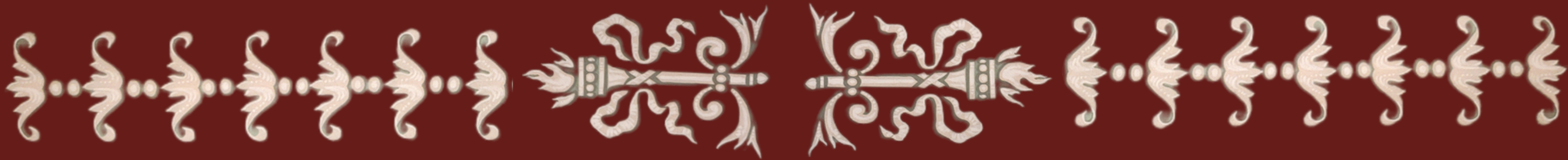
My district has it all - the great outdoors, a wide variety of activities and the most unique people! Enjoy our natural beauty with a hike in Garden of the Gods or trip up to the top of Pikes Peak on the Cog Railway, Harken back to the old west with a visit to the Pioneers Museum. Explore the many unique shops and visit local artists in Manitou Springs and Old Colorado City. Take in the symphony, theatre or choose from a wide variety of restaurants and brew pubs in downtown Colorado Springs. Interact with unique animals at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo.

And my personal favorite, take your dogs to one of the top ten dog parks in the country: Bear Creek Dog Park (my pups Calleigh and Anya love it there!).

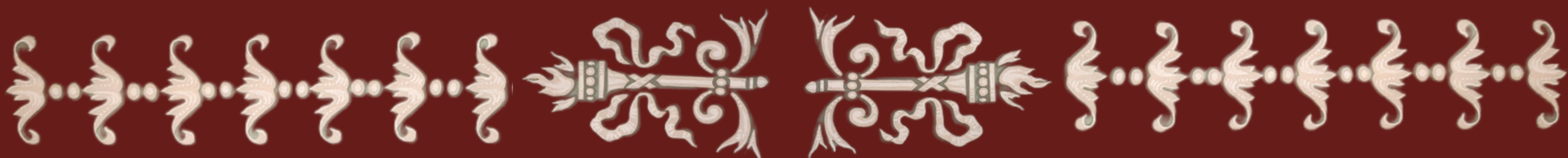
### What Inspired Me to Serve?

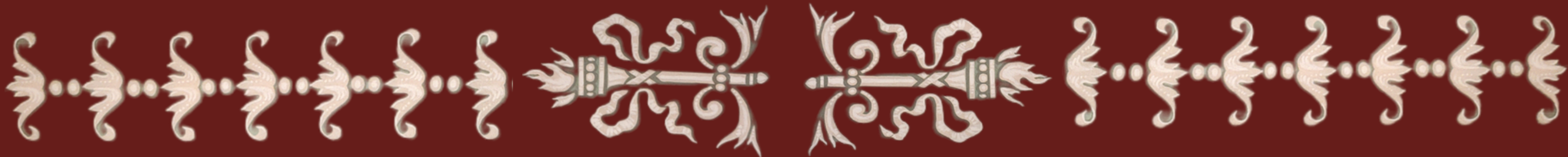
I'm inspired to serve my community because I love my country and I love my children. I want to safeguard the freedoms and opportunities that I had growing up for my children and all the children of our country. As a shy, introverted kid I never thought I would run for public office. I was inspired by the great candidates I helped get elected to believe I could do it too!





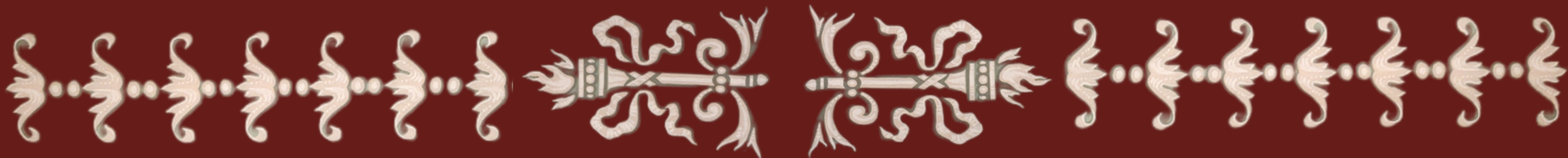
Senator Byron Pelton  
Senate District 1





Senator Rod Pelton

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# Rep. Jacque Phillips

## House District 31

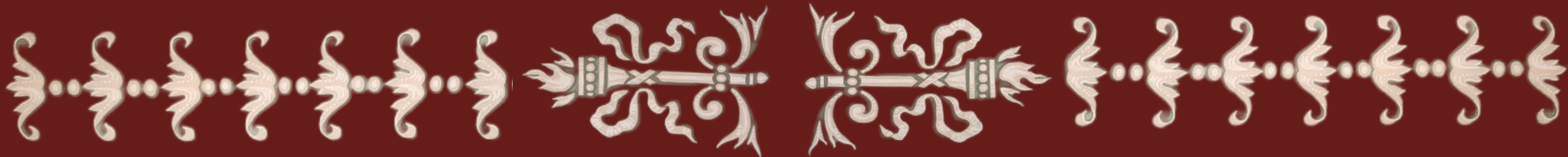
### What is Special About My District?

HD31 is special because of the people! Community members are engaged and make things happen! This includes new parks and even a new Thornton Shopping Center. If you ever need help, this is where you want to be. We are one for all and all for one.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

After being elected to Thornton City Council twice, I was inspired to run for HD31. South Thornton is often marginalized which motivates me to work hard for my hard-working community. I am passionate about education and affordability for all of Colorado. I fight for equal opportunity so the hard working people in HD31 have the same opportunities as everyone else. I know the struggles and the successes of working people and I am inspired by what we can accomplish.





# Senator Janice Rich

## Senate District 7

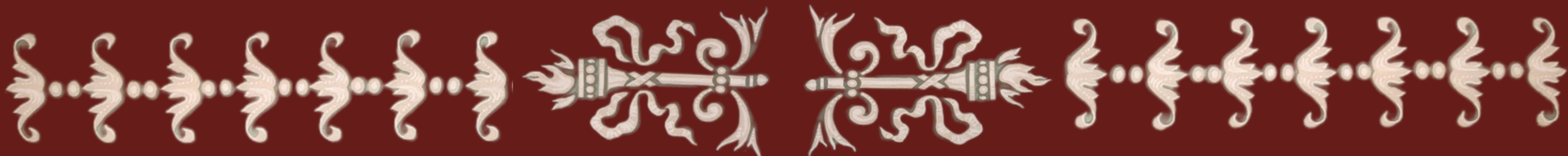
### What is Special About My District?

I knew the first time I drove down North Avenue in Grand Junction, Colorado (some 53 years ago), that Mesa County was going to be my home. Senate District 7 covers all of Mesa County, as well as a beautiful Cedaredge, CO (in Delta County).

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

When I was a young Certified Legal Secretary, the first lawyer I worked for was a Colo State Representative. He impressed

upon me the important work that gets done in the Colorado Legislature. I would work for him for 20 years. I also learned from my father the importance of community. I keep a pencil in my office desk with my dad's business logo (it's way older than me). And every day when I open my desk drawer, I am reminded to always be on time, learn the job, do it well, be respectful, and don't forget who I work for. I was fortunate to serve in local government for 16 years (first, as Mesa County Clerk & Recorder, and then Mesa County Treasurer). It has been the honor of my life to serve as a State Legislator supporting what is important to my district and the "best" slope in Colorado!





# Rep. Christopher Richardson

## House District 56

### What is Special About My District?

Hands down it is the people I serve. Those who live in Colorado's Central Eastern Plains carry a quiet pride rooted in self-sufficiency and hard work. Loyal to the soil and rich in agricultural heritage, they live western values of responsibility, faith, and independence. Neighbors help neighbors without hesitation or fanfare. They form resilient communities that are the true beating heart of Colorado—steady, grounded, and enduring.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Service is in my blood. After 23 years as a U.S. Army officer, I retired, put down roots in Elbert County, and kept serving: in community groups, my local school board, the county commission, and now at the Capitol. I'm here to protect the foundation that my district was built on: individual liberty, limited government, agriculture, and the rule of law. We owe those that came before us, and we must leave a better Colorado for those who follow us.





# Rep. Naquetta Ricks

## House District 40

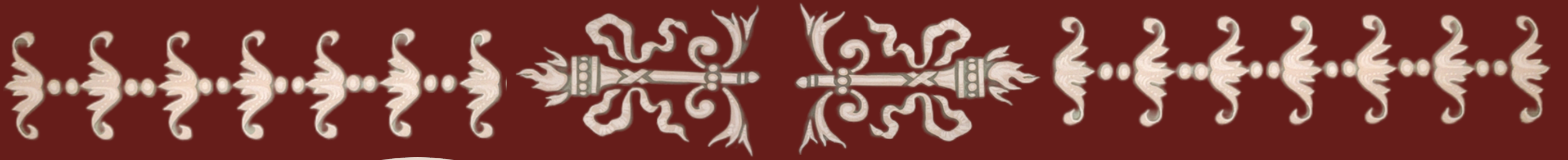
### What is Special About My District?

What makes House District 40 special is the people. It is an incredible community of hardworking, resilient individuals who welcomed my family and me with open arms when we arrived as refugees when I was 13 years old. Aurora is one of the most diverse cities in the country, yet it feels like a close-knit family. It is an honor to serve a community that gave me so much.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My inspiration to serve stems from the realization that voices like mine, and those of many underserved and marginalized people, were not represented in the government meant to serve us all. Serving in the legislature is my way of ensuring that everyone, regardless of their background, knows that they matter and deserve to be heard. I ran to stand up for communities that are often overlooked and to make government more accessible to those who may not know how to navigate the halls of power. I am committed every day to ensuring that the government works for everyone.





# Senator Dylan Roberts

## Senate District 8

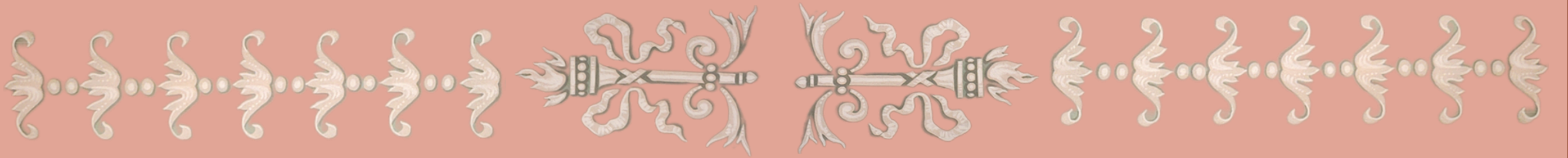
### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 8 is Colorado's most geographically, economically, and politically diverse senate district. It encompasses some of the world's premier ski resorts, stunning mountain landscapes, renowned fishing and hunting, and the nationally significant I-70 mountain corridor, as well as the headwaters of the Colorado River. The district is rooted in a proud heritage of agriculture, mining, energy production, outdoor recreation, and gaming, and is home to resilient rural communities and vibrant mountain towns. Together, these communities reflect both the challenges and opportunities that define Colorado's Western Slope, high country, and rural areas.

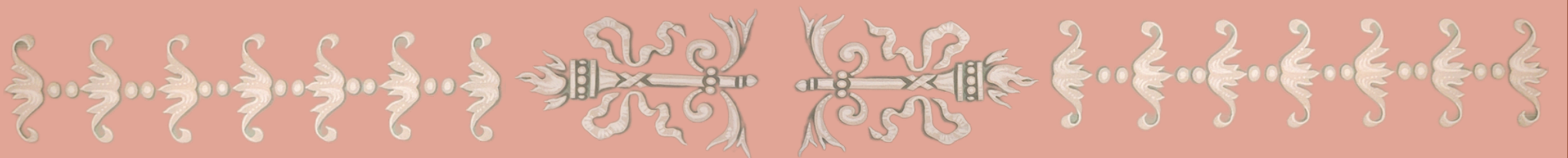
### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Growing up in a small community on Colorado's Western Slope, I learned early the importance of serving your community and taking care of your neighbors. I feel a responsibility to protect what makes Colorado special—our water, our environment, and our small-town values. I was inspired to serve in the legislature to ensure that every part of our state remains a place where people can thrive: getting a quality education, finding an affordable home, starting a family, being economically successful, enjoying our outdoors, and retiring with dignity. I also serve for my young kids, the next generations of Coloradans, and in honor my late brother, Murphy, who loved Colorado deeply.





**Majority Leader Robert Rodriguez**  
**Senate District 32**





# Rep. Manny Rutinel

## House District 32

### What is Special About My District?

HD32 is one of the most diverse districts in Colorado, with its history and future written by communities of hardworking people of all backgrounds looking for the American Dream. Our industry and working class families are the heart of the Colorado economy, but we are also home to the largest urban wildlife refuge in the country with beautiful views, miles of trails, and rare wildlife.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve our hard working communities by my mom. Not a day goes by that I'm not in awe of her capacity for sacrifice and love. She immigrated to the United States from Latin America as a single mother to give my brother and me a better life. She taught me the power of perseverance, a strong work ethic, and being a practical problem solver. And she taught me to always fight for what's right, even when it's not convenient or easy.





# Rep. Gretchen Rydin

## House District 38

### What is Special About My District?

My district includes the City of Littleton, and Littleton has a charming downtown--historic buildings, artistic murals, and the best tea shop in the state of Colorado.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I'm inspired by President Barack Obama. After college, I worked on his campaign, and that experience taught me how meaningful community can be —how hope, connection, and service can move people and policies forward.





# Minority Leader Cleave Simpson

## Senate District 6

### What is Special About My District?

Easily the people are the most special, such a diversity of cultures, lifestyles, personalities and perspectives. Then it is all about the special landscapes; the only two federally recognized tribes in Colorado, two National Parks, an abundance of federal and state public lands with world class vistas and vibrant rural communities.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Watching other public servants' dedication, who commit so much of their time and energy to make life better for Coloradans. I was compelled to step up and be a strong voice, particularly for rural Colorado.



**Rep. Emily Sirota**  
House District 9





# Rep. Scott Slaugh

## House District 64

### What is Special About My District?

House District 64 is the best! From the foothills of Longs Peak to the five lifeblood rivers that feed the farms and plains, the natural beauty of the district is obvious. It also straddles I-25 and Highway 34, making it central to the region's commerce. This natural beauty and commercial history have been obvious since the rivers and railroads brought early settlers to Greeley, Milliken, Johnstown, Berthoud, and Mead, each having their own great histories. My favorite unique thing of note from the district is the Johnstown Meteorite that fell in 1924 and is kept at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science!

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I come from a Colorado pioneer and military Veteran family, so fighting to protect Colorado families and the American way of life comes naturally to me and is why I serve. I believe honest and wise people are needed to lead in government to protect citizens. Mostly, I love the people of my home and district, and want to protect their Constitutional Liberties with truth and justice.





# Rep. Lesley Smith

## House District 49

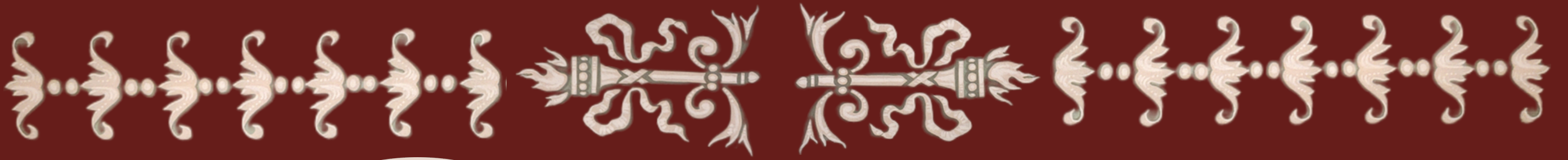
### What is Special About My District?

My district is incredibly diverse. It covers parts of two counties, western Boulder and Larimer, plus Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties. I've got National Laboratories, rural mountain communities, Rocky Mountain National Park and legalized gaming. Every community is distinct, and I love getting out across my beautiful district to meet with constituents.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I have served my community for twenty-plus years, as a school board member, member of the Water Resources Advisory Board, CU regent, and now state representative. I am a problem-solver by nature. I have always worked hard to listen to my constituents and improve my community.





# Senator Marc Snyder

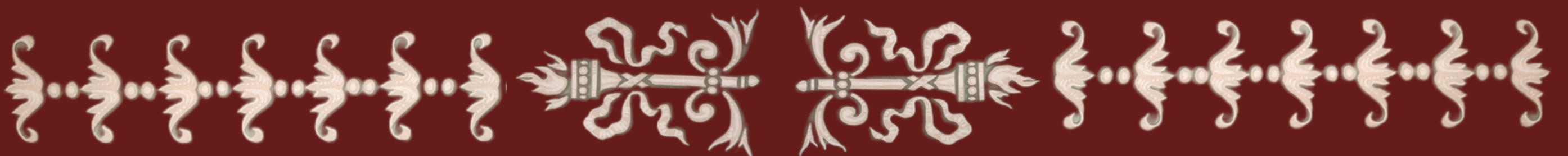
## Senate District 12

### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 12 is incredibly diverse and truly representative of Colorado itself. Our district is home to U.S. Army Fort Carson — The Mountain Post — and Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station, as well as thousands of veterans whom I am proud to serve. We include vibrant neighborhoods such as Colorado Springs' westside and the Old North End, alongside distinctive communities like Manitou Springs, Fountain, Hanover, and Cascade — each with its own character and history. Senate District 12 is urban, suburban, and rural. It welcomes visitors from around the world to destinations like The Broadmoor and the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. Most importantly, our district reflects a wide range of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives — and everyone is welcome here.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I have been fortunate in my life to benefit from opportunities that helped shape who I am today— opportunities that are not always as accessible as they once were. That understanding is what inspired me to pursue public service. I believe deeply in giving back to the community that gave me so much and in helping create pathways for others, especially young people, to thrive. I am inspired every day by the people of our district, and I am committed to serving everyone who calls it home, with dignity and respect, regardless of religion, race, ability, economic status, or political party.





## Rep. Matt Soper House District 54

### What is Special About My District?

House District 54 is home to one of America's premier agricultural regions, famous for peaches, apples, pears, cherries, apricots and wine grapes. Delta and Mesa County horticulturalists won first place prizes at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and orchardists and viticulturalists confirmed Western Colorado as a top growing area by winning top prizes at the 1904 World's Fair in Saint Louis. The secret is warm days and cool nights and the "million-dollar breeze". The majority of the peaches are grown in and around Palisade. As temperatures start to drop in the springtime, which would freeze out most orchards in Colorado, those in and near the canyons of HD54 are protected by a breeze that turns the air enough to prevent devastating frosts most of the time. The warm days and cool nights bring out the sugars in the fruits and vegetables, which yields a sweeter more delicious crop. HD54 is also home to Grand Mesa, the world's largest flat top mountain and world class cross-country (Nordic) skiing and Colorado National Monument, a series of sandstone formations that is very special and a must see.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

In middle school I had a school writing project in which I had to research and write about the US Secretary of the Treasury, who was Robert E. Rubin. That caused me to wonder if Colorado had a Treasurer. It was Bill Owens and I read he was coming through Delta to deliver a speech. I persuaded my parents to take me so I could meet him. That encounter spurred a lifelong friendship and the political fanfare was exciting. However, it was in high school that I met my State Representative, Matt Smith, who inspired me to want to run for House District 54. It was from a desire to be a voice for rural Colorado, and the small, distinct communities that I grew up in that make up House District 54.





# Rep. Katie Stewart

## House District 59

### What is Special About My District?

My district is special because it boasts Mesa Verde National Park, both federally recognized tribes and reservations within Colorado and the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Not to mention that Durango was once recognized as the worst-dressed town in the United States. There's so much to love about HD59!

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

My family has been in Southwest Colorado for generations. I was inspired to run to build a better Colorado for my kids and the community that I love and have known my entire life.





# Rep. Rebekah Stewart

## House District 30

### What is Special About My District?

The best thing about House District 30 is the people who live here. House District 30 acts as a gateway to the mountains from Denver and to our Capitol City for folks traveling in from the west. We are a fantastic community of two cities, Edgewater and Lakewood. We have a vibrant arts district along West Colfax, which includes the world famous Casa Bonita, and places spanning from the Edgewater Public Market to Belmar as centers for thriving and diverse small businesses. People care deeply about each other and show up to support the things they care about and I love that about this district.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Before I ran for office, I was a music therapist. I started to see other people from helping professions, like social workers, teachers, and nurses, stepping up to run for office and serve their communities. This helped me realize how important it is for people from all walks of life, with real world experience and unique perspectives to run for office. I wanted to do my part to make my district and our state the best place not only for people to live today, but to continue to be the best place to be in the future for Colorado kids growing up right now. I take that responsibility very seriously.





Rep. Tammy Story  
House District 25





# Rep. Larry Don Suckla

## House District 58

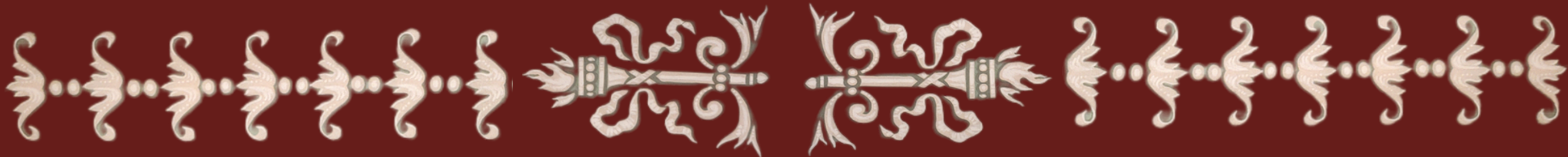
### What is Special About My District?

House District 58 on Colorado's stunning Western Slope spans eight counties and embodies the best of rural America. Outdoor lovers thrive here with world-class hunting, hiking through canyons and meadows, fishing in rivers like the Gunnison and Dolores, and biking scenic trails in areas like Mesa Verde and the Uncompahgre. The district boasts productive family farms growing peaches, apples, hay, and grains, plus historic cattle ranches that anchor our agricultural heritage. In every welcoming town, from Montrose and Hotchkiss to Telluride, Ouray, and Cortez tight-knit communities mean knowing your neighbors, lending a hand, and sharing values of resilience and hospitality, making this a truly special place to live.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

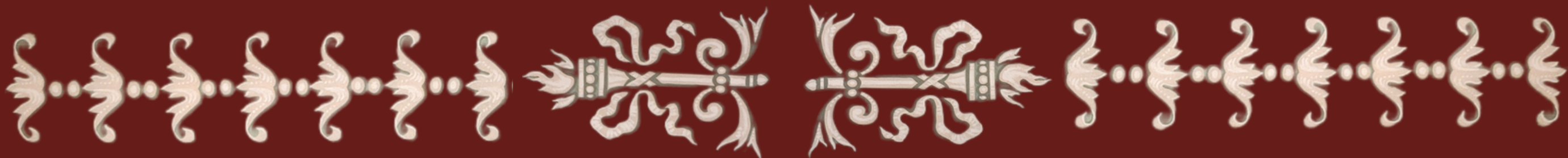
I decided to run as State Representative for House District 58 to stand up for the rural values and way of life that define Colorado's Western Slope. After eight years as Montezuma County Commissioner defending our ranchers, farmers, water rights, and multi-use public lands against excessive regulation. I was motivated by our children growing up in this remarkable region, I am committed to preserving our agricultural heritage, outdoor access, and individual freedoms while promoting limited government, ensuring our communities remain prosperous and resilient for generations to come.

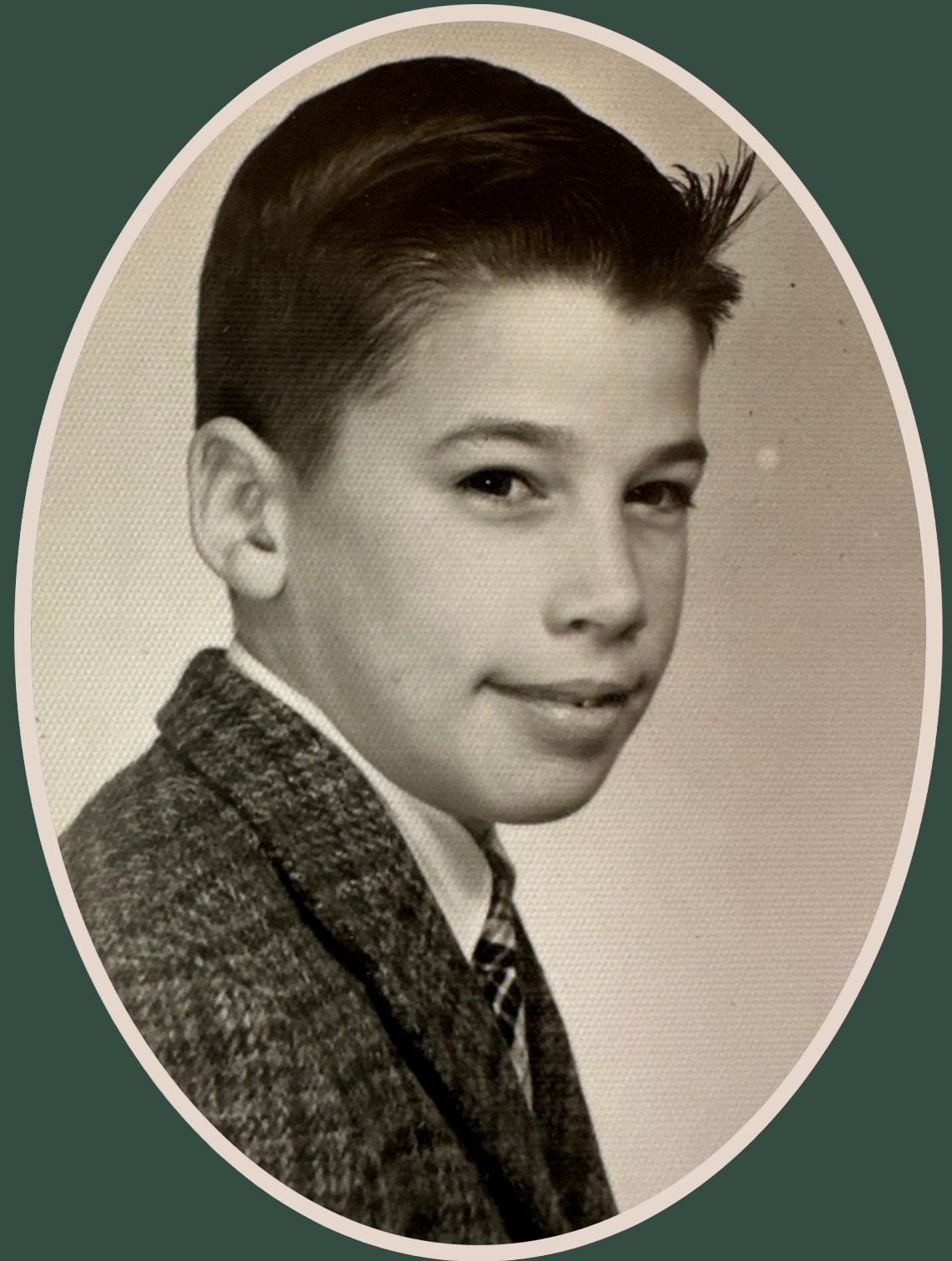




Senator Tom Sullivan

Senate District 27





## Rep. Rick Taggart

### House District 55

#### What is Special About My District?

House District 55 is special in many ways. From the beauty of the high desert to the Monument, the Grand Mesa, and the rivers that flow through our community, it is truly a remarkable place to call home. Beyond the landscape, what makes my district especially meaningful is its strong sense of community.

#### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired by my mother, who, after my corporate endeavors, encouraged me to give back to the community I love through public service, as well as by mentoring students- just as I was mentored while growing up. Her guidance inspired me to dedicate myself to helping others succeed and strengthening the community around me.





# Rep. Brianna Titone

## House District 27

### What is Special About My District?

House District 27 is a true slice of Colorado; largely unincorporated northern Jefferson County, stretching from western and northern Arvada to Sheridan, including all of Golden and Applewood, and up into the northwest JeffCo mountains. What makes it special is the mix: close neighborhoods and small businesses, world-class outdoor spaces, and people who care deeply about both the quality of life and practical results. The people of House District 27 show the rest of the state and country what it means to be a neighbor. People who are always willing to show up for those in need, who join together to advocate for all, and people who truly care about their state. I am incredibly proud to call House District 27 my home.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Service has always been a priority for me. I've been a volunteer in my community since I was 16, when I joined a volunteer fire department. After I came out as transgender, I also understood more personally what it means to be part of a marginalized community, and I realized I could do more good, for more people, by stepping up as an elected official. I grew up learning the value of community, commitment, and showing up when the work was hard, but necessary. I've never been one to shy away from rolling up my sleeves and produce results. Whether as a volunteer firefighter, a state representative, or as Colorado's next state treasurer, I will always value and prioritize the progress, happiness and community success that comes from mission driven work. It's who I've always been and will continue to be.





Rep. Alex Valdez  
House District 5





# Rep. Elizabeth Velasco

## House District 57

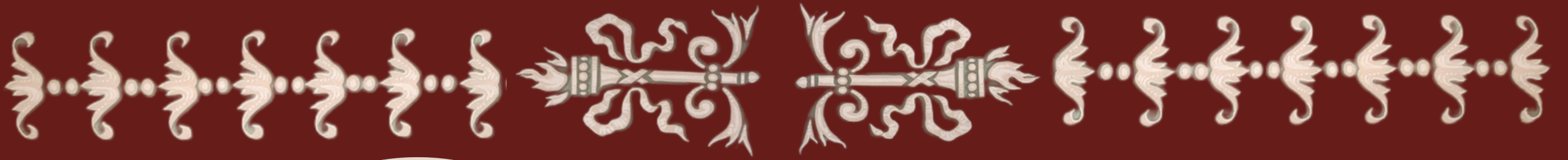
### What is Special About My District?

I represent the most beautiful district, 60% of the district is public lands, our diverse community unites when it comes to protecting our natural resources and fighting for everyone to have access to clean air and clean water.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve during the Grizzly Creek Fire when I saw the need to not leave anyone behind during an emergency and for communities to be resilient against a changing climate.





# Senator Katie Wallace

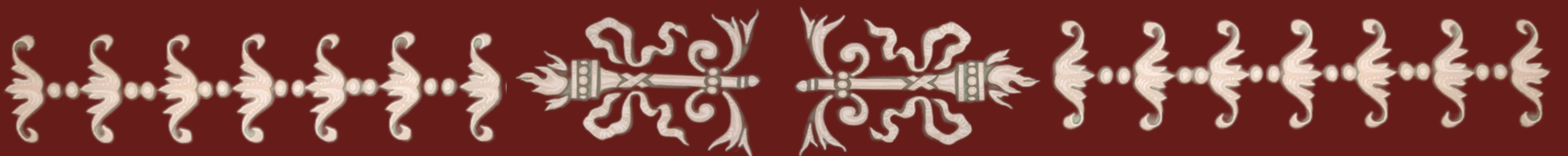
## Senate District 17

### What is Special About My District?

Longmont is recognized as a “Tree City USA” by the Arbor Day Foundation, a national program acknowledging our commitment to growing and maintaining our urban forest. Lafayette’s Waneka Lake Park contains a wildlife preserve and is a nationally recognized spot for diverse bird species, from waterfowl to raptors. Erie’s Biscuit Day, an annual community festival hosted by the Erie Historical Society, is a beloved tradition dating back to the 1890s that marks the summer mining shutdown and celebrates the town’s mining past with homemade biscuits and gravy.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

Having grown-up in Senate District 17, I was inspired to serve the community that has given me countless opportunities throughout my life and which I’m still so proud to call home. Being raised by a single-mother who struggled to afford housing, healthcare, and the basic necessities, I want to stand up for my fellow community members who face these same struggles: living paycheck-to-paycheck, struggling to afford housing and childcare, and being forced to choose between healthcare and groceries. They are who inspire me to serve each and every day.





# Rep. Ron Weinberg

## House District 51

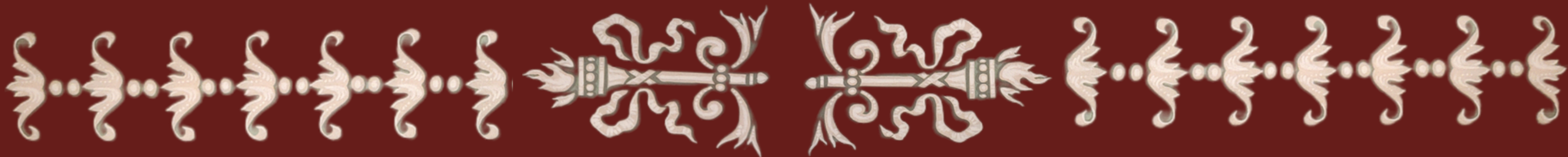
### What is Special About My District?

House District 51 is special because it reflects the very best of Colorado values. Loveland is a community built on hard work, family, faith, and personal responsibility. It is a place where neighbors still look out for one another, small businesses are the backbone of our local economy, and people care deeply about public safety, education, and protecting our quality of life. Our district blends strong conservative principles with a genuine sense of community, pride, and independence that makes it a wonderful place to live, raise a family, and build a future

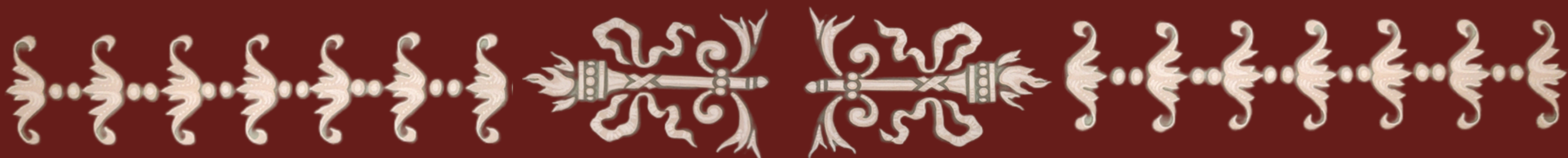
### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve my community because I believe deeply in giving back to the place that gave my family opportunity. As an immigrant who came to this country for a better life, I have immense gratitude for the freedoms, rule of law, and values that make America exceptional. Serving in public office is my way of protecting those principles, standing up for everyday families, and ensuring that government works for the people, not against them. I want to be a strong, steady voice for common sense, accountability, and opportunity for every resident of our district.





**Senator Mike Weissman**  
Senate District 28





# Rep. Jenny Willford

## House District 34

### What is Special About My District?

The 87,000 people I represent make my district special - their stories, their resilience and their pride in calling Northglenn or Thornton home. With 28 schools and 40 parks, we are a place where people put down roots, raise kids and look out for one another.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I moved often as a kid and attended eight different schools before graduating high school, so the idea of having one place to raise my family has always been important to me. My kids inspired me to run because I believe we can build a Colorado where families can afford to live, kids can dream big and everyone has the chance to thrive.





## Rep. Ty Winter

### House District 47

#### What is Special About My District?

The rugged landscape of rural Colorado represents the way of life in HD-47 but what really makes my district special is the people. My constituents are hard working, God fearing America loving individuals who come from all walks of life and represent the best that Colorado has to offer. They are the salt of the earth by nature and are the folks who feed, clothe, and provide energy for the people of this great state.

#### What Inspired Me to Serve?

From a young age I have always had a special bond with my community. Growing up on a fourth generation agricultural operation combined with being involved in my family's small business, I have been fortunate to witness the good heartedness and sense of community that defines southeastern Colorado. My service extends beyond the legislature as I have served my community in multiple facets serving on several boards and organizations. I have always sought to leave my community better than I found it, and ensure a prosperous Colorado for generations to come.





# Rep. Steven Woodrow

## House District 2

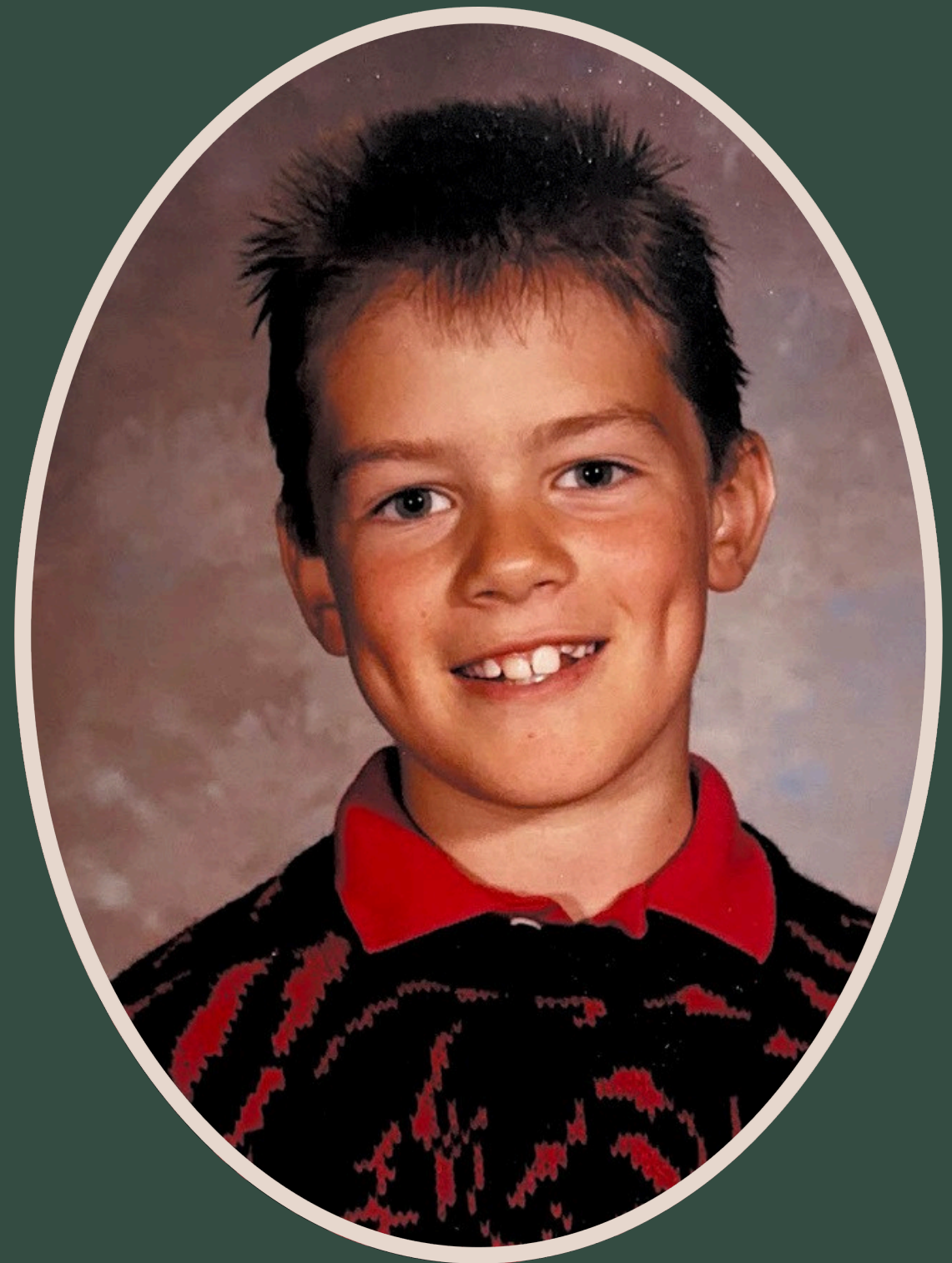
### What is Special About My District?

HD2 covers South Central Denver and is home to the beautiful Washington Park, educational institutions such as the University of Denver, and dynamic neighborhoods filled with housing, shops, and restaurants.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I believe that our government should help our communities thrive and should work for the hard working people and families in Colorado. I am inspired to serve HD2 because I want the people in my communities to have affordable and accessible housing and healthcare, expanded public transit systems, investment in K-12 education, and strong economic growth.





## Rep. Dan Woog House District 19

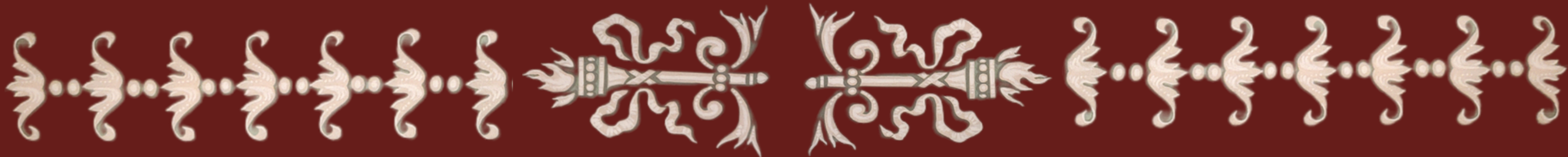
### What is Special About My District?

House District 19 includes the towns of Erie, Frederick, Firestone, Dacono, and parts of East Longmont, spanning both Boulder and Weld Counties with a mix of suburban growth and historic small towns. The district sits where the Front Range urban edge meets open plains, blending access to outdoor recreation like nearby trails and open space with strong community festivals and local traditions in places like Erie, Frederick, and Firestone. This mix of growing communities and local character makes the district unique in Colorado.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I was inspired to serve because I believe effective government starts with listening and showing up. Too often, important decisions are made without enough input from the people most affected by them. I wanted to bring a practical, solutions focused voice to the Capitol, one that reflects the priorities of families, workers, and small businesses in House District 19 and works collaboratively to solve real problems for our community.





# Senator Lynda Zamora Wilson

## Senate District 9

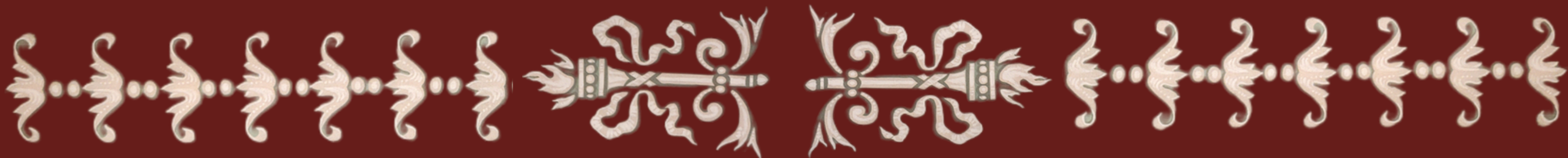
### What is Special About My District?

Senate District 9 is a beautiful, amazing, unique, and exciting district. Not only do we have the northern suburbs of Colorado Springs, but we have the serene beautiful forests of the eastern front range of the Rocky Mountains, to include the Majestic rock formations of the Garden of the Gods. At the base of Rampart Mountain Range sits the USAF Academy -- a premier undergraduate institution that is the home of the Fighting Falcons! On the ground, the base is always active with every kind of athletic event (which is open to the public). Overhead, it's just as active, as USAFA is one of the world's busiest airspaces. If you drive by, be sure to scan the skies as you most likely will see gliders being towed by

aircraft, cadets jumping out of planes and parachuting to the drop zone, and the exciting flybys of various fighter aircraft, to include the famous Thunderbirds. With 4 additional military bases nearby, Senate District 9 boasts a strong military presence and patriotic citizenry. I absolutely LOVE my district and am honored to represent Senate District 9.

### What Inspired Me to Serve?

I served 25 years in the Air Force, and swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitution. When I retired in 2020, I noticed that legislation was infringing on our Constitutional rights. Thus, I became active (again) in protecting and defending our rights.





Rep. Yara Zokaie  
House District 52

