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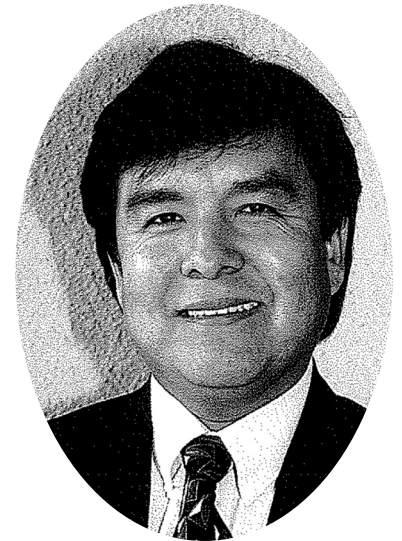
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Representative Madalena was elected to the New Mexico House of Representatives in 1985. Born at Jemez Pueblo, he and his wife Karen Jean have five children. Prior to becoming a New Mexico Representative, he served two terms (1979-1980, 1981-1982) as a Sandoval County Commissioner, a position now proudly held and chaired by his son Darryl Madalena.

Representative Madalena previously served his home Pueblo of Jemez as its Governor. He continues to serve as a member of the Jemez Pueblo Tribal Council and chairs the Pueblo's Water Committee. Holding a degree from Eastern New Mexico University, Representative Madalena now sits on the Board of the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District, and is the executive director of a non-profit organization named Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos, Inc.

We highlight Representative Madalena this year due to his contributions to the protection of New Mexico's surface and groundwater. Congressman Madalena is the Chair of the Agricultural and Water Resources Committee, the co-Chair of the Indian Affairs Committee, a member of the Voters and Elections Committee, and an advisory member of six other legislative committees, including Water and Natural Resources. He was formerly the long-time Chair of the House Energy and Natural Resource Committee.

Roger has admirably used his positions to advance the science and technology needed to manage New Mexico's surface and groundwater. Recognizing this, the New Mexico Bureau of Geology celebrated his contributions in 2011 by awarding him with its Earth Science Achievement Award. With Representative Madalena's support, the Bureau of Geology is mapping the aquifers of New Mexico.



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