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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY, JR.

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1 William F. Buckley, Jr., a renowned writer and political commentator,
2 died on February 27, 2008 at the age of eighty-two.

3 Born in New York City, William F. Buckley attended Yale University and
4 served in the armed forces during World War II. After a brief engagement
5 with the Central Intelligence Agency in the early 1950s, he embarked on a
6 long and distinguished career as a conservative commentator and author with
7 the publication of his first book, *God and Man at Yale*. He went on to
8 establish *National Review* magazine and the television show *Firing Line* and to
9 author dozens of books and countless newspaper columns, and in doing so, he
10 became America's best known and most influential conservative voice. Whether
11 working to advance the causes of freedom and justice or enjoying his passions
12 of sailing, the harpsichord and cavalier King Charles spaniels, William F.
13 Buckley met life with a rare humor and eloquence that earned him widespread
14 respect and admiration.

15 Engaging and articulate, William F. Buckley assailed communism and
16 extolled the free market with tremendous wit and a vast vocabulary that
17 defined him as the quintessential conservative intellectual. George Will,
18 former editor of *National Review*, stated that "Before Ronald Reagan, there
19 was Barry Goldwater, and before Barry Goldwater there was *National Review*,
20 and before there was *National Review*, there was Bill Buckley, with a spark in
21 his mind." Theodore White opined that "His haughty face, its puckering and
22 hesitation as he lets loose a shaft of wit, would have made him Oscar Wilde's
23 favorite candidate for anything."

24 William F. Buckley's ability to clearly define what conservatism stood
25 for paved the way for such American leaders as Barry Goldwater and Ronald
26 Reagan. His efforts inspired three generations of conservatives and will
27 doubtless continue to be a guiding force for generations to come. William F.
28 Buckley will be greatly missed by his family, many friends and the American
29 public.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
32 Senate concurring:

33 That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the
34 passing of an American icon, William F. Buckley, Jr., and extend condolences
35 to his son, Christopher, and other surviving family members.