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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2047

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MAURICE K. GROSSMAN.

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1 Maurice Kenneth Grossman, an exemplary Arizonan for fifty-five years,
2 passed away recently at the age of eighty-two.

3 Maurice Grossman was raised in a poor Jewish family in Detroit,
4 Michigan, yet he bettered himself and strived to help others enjoy the
5 opportunities and wonder that he attained in life. He served in the United
6 States Navy during World War II and represented the United States abroad as a
7 Fulbright scholar in Japan.

8 For fifty-five years Maurice Grossman shaped and encouraged the Tucson
9 art scene through founding the three-dimensional arts program at the
10 University of Arizona and the Tucson Craft Guild. His extraordinary
11 dedication as a teacher and artist provided a shining example to thousands of
12 students at the University of Arizona over the years. As a professor of
13 ceramics from 1955 to 1989, he was awarded the Creative Teaching Award and a
14 National Endowment for the Arts grant.

15 Maurice Grossman was a tireless political volunteer, helping to found
16 the Southern Arizona Stonewall Democrats and to register many voters through
17 his exemplary patriotic efforts. He often donned costumes and colorful
18 accessories such as boas, flags and homemade hats to encourage citizens to
19 sign up for their right to vote. Maurice Grossman also advocated for the
20 rights of all humans, including those in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and
21 transgender community.

22 Over his lifetime, Maurice Grossman received numerous awards and
23 recognition for his efforts to better the world around him. He was selected
24 to serve as the Grand Marshal for Tucson's Pride parade and was honored by
25 Wingspan, Southern Arizona's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community
26 Center, with the Godat Award for his lifetime of community leadership.

27 Maurice Grossman was a loving and devoted husband to his wife, Marilyn
28 Gracey Grossman, and the proud father of two daughters, Barbara Jean and
29 Lauren, and a son, Stephen. With great generosity of spirit, he was a friend
30 to the many people with whom he shared his infinite good cheer and kindness
31 over the years, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

32 Therefore

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
34 Senate concurring:

35 That the Members of the Legislature recognize the many contributions of
36 Maurice Grossman to the State of Arizona, and extend their deepest sympathies
37 to his family and many friends.