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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A LAND
EXCHANGE TO ALLOW THE RESOLUTION COPPER PROJECT TO PROCEED IN SOUTHEASTERN
ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, copper mining plays a significant role in Arizona's economic
4 history and has been the principal output of mining activity in Arizona for
5 over a century; and

6 Whereas, Arizona is consistently a top producer of copper in the United
7 States and the world. Since 1973 Arizona has produced over one-half of the
8 total copper production in the United States each year. In 2011, Arizona
9 copper mines produced 68% of the United States' copper, and Arizona was the
10 sixth largest producer of mined copper in the world; and

11 Whereas, more than ten thousand Arizona residents are employed by the
12 copper mining industry in Arizona; and

13 Whereas, the copper mining industry contributes to the state and local
14 economies. In 2011, copper mining companies in Arizona reported purchasing
15 \$2.73 billion worth of goods and services from Arizona businesses and
16 generated, directly and indirectly, an estimated \$436 million in state and
17 local tax revenues; and

18 Whereas, in 2011, the direct and indirect total economic impact of the
19 copper mining industry on the State of Arizona is estimated to be over 46,000
20 jobs, \$3.04 billion of labor income and \$4.31 billion of total income; and

21 Whereas, it is reported that the total economic impact of the proposed
22 Resolution Copper Project in southeast Arizona is estimated to be more than
23 \$61.4 billion over the life of the project, with another \$20 billion in
24 federal, state and local tax revenue, while providing approximately 3,700
25 jobs; and

26 Whereas, for the Resolution Copper Project to proceed there must be a
27 federal land exchange to provide Resolution Copper access to lands that are
28 currently excluded from mining.

29 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
30 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

31 1. That the United States Congress enact legislation to authorize an
32 exchange of federal land and nonfederal land to facilitate the extraction of
33 mineral resources in southeastern Arizona.

34 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
35 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
36 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
37 the State of Arizona.