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A JOINT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE JANUARY 8 MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S EFFORTS TO CREATE A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF THOSE LOST OR INJURED DURING THE TRAGEDY OF JANUARY 8, 2011 AT A "CONGRESS ON YOUR CORNER" EVENT IN TUCSON.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the tragedy of January 8, 2011 at a "Congress on Your Corner"
2 event in Tucson resulted in the deaths of six individuals and injuries to
3 thirteen others; and

4 Whereas, our democratic right to participate in our own governance and
5 our ability to have our elected representatives be accessible to us and
6 willing to listen to our concerns cannot be taken from us by violence or
7 intimidation; and

8 Whereas, the bedrock principles of the freedom of speech and the right
9 to assemble peaceably deserve to be recognized with a suitable memorial; and

10 Whereas, this notion led concerned community members to create the
11 January 8 Memorial Foundation; and

12 Whereas, the January 8 Memorial Foundation seeks to commemorate those
13 killed and wounded and to honor the spirit of Tucsonans who embraced unity,
14 humanity and hope, even in the face of the collective suffering and
15 heartbreak; and

16 Whereas, the people of Arizona are all connected through compassion,
17 strength, kindness and goodwill despite our differences and recognize the
18 shared humanity that came forth on January 8, 2011 and in the weeks and
19 months that followed.

20 Therefore

21 Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

22 1. That the Members of the Legislature and the Governor of the State
23 of Arizona reaffirm the bedrock principles of American democracy and
24 representative government, which are memorialized in the First Amendment of
25 the Constitution and which Representative Gabrielle Giffords herself alluded
26 to in the Hall of the House of Representatives on January 6, 2011, when she
27 read about "the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition
28 the Government for a redress of grievances."

29 2. That the Members of the Legislature and the Governor of the State
30 of Arizona stand firm in their belief in a democracy in which all can
31 participate and in which Americans are not silenced by intimidation or
32 threats of violence.

33 3. That the Members of the Legislature and the Governor of the State
34 of Arizona support the January 8 Memorial Foundation's efforts to create a
35 space in El Presido Park and a portion of the ground floor of the Historic
36 Pima County Courthouse for a memorial that will serve as a place for shared
37 memories, honor those lost or injured and keep alive the spirit that drew the
38 community together after the tragedy of January 8, 2011 with compassion,
39 strength and kindness, and encourage the citizens of Arizona to work with the
40 January 8 Memorial Foundation to realize this very worthy goal.