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Representative Jeff Weninger and Corporation Commission Chairman Tom Forese Welcome the Ultimate Fighting Championship to Arizona

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Jeff Weninger (R-17) introduced a resolution today welcoming the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) to Arizona for UFC Fight Night at Talking Stick Resort Arena this weekend.

Since its founding in 1993, the UFC has grown into a household name and continues to be the leading mixed martial arts promoter nationwide. Under the leadership of President Dana White, UFC Pay-Per-View fights have quickly grown to attract an average of over 1 million viewers, with some fights nearing 2 million in total viewership.

“While I’m more comfortable in the middle of a legislative fight, UFC Fight Night in Phoenix is a great opportunity to raise Arizona’s profile among UFC fans,” said Weninger.

Corporation Commission Chairman Tom Forese also welcomed the UFC and its fans to Arizona.

“UFC Fight Night in Phoenix is just another example of Arizona working together with businesses to benefit the state's economy and attract new visitors,” said Forese.

The Phoenix event will take place Sunday, January 15 and will be headlined by "The Ultimate Fighter: Latin America" featherweight winner Yair Rodriguez and UFC Hall-of-Famer BJ Penn.

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