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Arizona House of Representatives Representative Todd Clodfelter (R-10)

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House Appropriations Committee Passes Legislation to Help Create January 8th Memorial in Tucson

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – The House Appropriations Committee today passed legislation (<u>HB 2436</u>) sponsored by Representative Todd Clodfelter that will provide state funding for a planned memorial to honor the victims of the January 8th, 2011 attack in Tucson.

"As painful as it is to remember January 8th, 2011, the sacrifice and heroism displayed that day is deserving of a national memorial," said Representative Clodfelter. "I thank the Appropriations Committee for passing HB 2436 and urge my colleagues to support it on the floor."

"We are extremely appreciative of Representative Clodfelter and the Arizona State Legislature for recognizing the importance of the January 8th Memorial as a symbol of our freedom of democracy and remembrance of what was lost and how our community came together in the face of tragedy," said Crystal Kasnoff, executive director for Tucson's January 8th Memorial Foundation.

HB 2436 would appropriate \$2,500,000 over five years in matching funds to Tucson's January 8th Memorial Foundation for construction of the memorial if the U.S. Secretary of the Interior establishes a national memorial site.

Arizona's congressional delegation has introduced federal legislation establishing a January 8th, 2011 national memorial site.

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