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Representatives Brown, Campbell CH, Lujan, Sinema

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JAKE FLAKE.

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1 Senator Jake Flake passed away at the age of seventy-two on June 8,
2 2008 in Show Low, Arizona, from injuries he sustained after being thrown from
3 a horse.

4 Franklin Lars Flake was a proud Arizonan whose roots here ran deep. He
5 was born to Virgil Maeser and Gerda (Hendrickson) Flake on August 4, 1935, in
6 Snowflake, AZ. His father gave him the nickname "Jake" when he was a baby
7 and he continued to be known as this throughout his life. He graduated from
8 Snowflake High School in 1953, and later was a member of Arizona State
9 University's first graduating class in 1960, a fact he frequently mentioned
10 with pride. From 1955 through 1957, Jake Flake served as a missionary for the
11 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Southwest Indian Mission.
12 He maintained his efforts to communicate in Indian dialects throughout his
13 life.

14 On June 19, 1959, Jake Flake married Mary Louise Skouson in the L.D.S.
15 Mesa Arizona Temple. They went on to raise thirteen children, and became
16 grandparents to fifty-eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.
17 Jake Flake worked his whole life on the ranch where he was raised. He and
18 three of his brothers purchased the ranch from their dad, forming the F-Bar
19 Cattle Company, which marketed Beefmaster bulls and heifers all over the
20 southwestern United States and northern Mexico.

21 In 1996, Jake Flake was elected to the Arizona State Legislature where
22 he served until the time of his death. Jake Flake served in the House of
23 Representatives for eight years, including two years as Speaker of the House,
24 before going on to serve two terms as state senator. Senator Flake ably
25 served his constituents in northeastern Arizona, and his dedication, tenacity
26 and humor earned him the respect of all who knew him. Jake Flake's integrity
27 and commitment to bettering the world around him were an inspiration to many
28 and an example to all. He was held in high regard by his colleagues on both
29 sides of the political aisle.

30 Despite the demands of his political and ranching endeavors, Jake Flake
31 gave freely of his time, energy and expertise to numerous civic and community
32 organizations. He served on two school boards, an irrigation district, a
33 hospital operating board and a farm credit council's board of directors. He
34 also served eighteen years on the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of
35 America, and volunteered on the Arizona Rural Health Association Board, the
36 Blue Ridge Natural Resources Working Group, the Arizona 4-H Foundation and
37 the Snowflake Heritage Council. Jake Flake also served his church in several
38 callings, including counselor to a Stake President and a mission President, a
39 member of the High Council, Stake President and nursery leader.

40 Jake Flake will be greatly missed by his wife, Mary Louise, children
41 Shon (Pamela), Crystal (Darrell) Petersen, Penny (Dean) Bauer, Douglas
42 (Jennifer Beth), Celeste (Jeff) Dana, Wynn (Kami), Travis (Teresa), Tyler
43 (Jennifer Lee), Brandon (Jennifer Marie), Mindy (Chad) Sanders, Amy (David)
44 Orr and Kayla (Jeff) Larson, fifty-eight grandchildren, two
45 great-grandchildren and six of his seven siblings. He was preceded in death
46 by his son, Darin, and by a grandson, Joseph Sanders.

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of

3 Representatives concurring:

4 That the Members of the Legislature express sincere gratitude for the

5 Honorable Jake Flake's years of dedicated service and extend their deepest

6 sympathies to his family and many friends.