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A RESOLUTION

HONORING CURRENT AND FORMER NATIVE AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ARIZONA
LEGISLATURE.

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1 Whereas, Native American members of the Arizona Legislature, both past
2 and present, have a proud and distinguished record of service to their state;
3 and

4 Whereas, over the years Native American legislators, representing
5 numerous tribal affiliations, diverse professional and occupational
6 backgrounds and various regions of the state, have attained the highest
7 ideals of public service through their tenures in the Legislature; and

8 Whereas, Native Americans who have served in the Arizona House of
9 Representatives include Lloyd L. House, Navajo/Oneida, 1967-1968; Daniel
10 Peaches, Navajo, 1975-1984; Benjamin Hanley, Navajo, 1973-1998; Jack C.
11 Jackson, Sr., Navajo, 1985-1998; Sally Ann Trujillo Gonzales, Pasqua Yaqui,
12 1997-2000; Debora Lynn Norris, Navajo/Tohono O'odham, 1997-2002; Jack
13 Jackson, Jr., Navajo, 2003-2004; Sylvia Laughter, Navajo, 1999-2004; Albert
14 Tom, Navajo, 2001-2002 and 2005-2008; and Chris Deschene, Navajo, 2009-2010.
15 Those who have served in the Arizona Senate are Arthur J. Hubbard, Sr.,
16 Navajo/Tohono O'odham, 1973-1984; Luis A. Gonzales, Pasqua Yaqui, 1979-1986;
17 James Henderson, Jr., Navajo, 1985-1998; Jack C. Jackson, Sr., Navajo,
18 1999-2003; and Albert Hale, Navajo, 2004-2010; and

19 Whereas, Native Americans currently serving in the Legislature are
20 Representatives Sally Ann Gonzales and Albert Hale and Senator Jack Jackson,
21 Jr.; and

22 Whereas, these dedicated individuals have worked diligently to not only
23 better the lives of their constituents and tribal peers, but to forge a
24 strong future for Arizona. It is important that we acknowledge and honor
25 these outstanding public servants and the vital role they have played in our
26 state's government and heritage.

27 Therefore

28 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

29 That the Senate of the State of Arizona honor the current and former
30 Native American members of the Arizona Legislature for their tremendous
31 service and commitment to their tribes, communities and state.