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Senators Melvin, Gray, Griffin; Representatives Gowan: Pratt

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ROSEMONT COPPER MINE IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the proposed Rosemont Copper Project, a mining operation to be
2 developed on a 15,000-acre site in southern Pima County, will greatly benefit
3 the region and the State of Arizona; and

4 Whereas, through the use of the latest technology as well as years of
5 prudent planning and exhaustive environmental reviews, Rosemont Copper Mine
6 will provide great economic benefits while maintaining strict adherence to
7 environmental protections; and

8 Whereas, studies have shown that Rosemont Copper Mine will generate an
9 anticipated \$15 billion in local revenues over its lifetime while providing
10 direct employment of more than 400 workers and sustaining an estimated 1,700
11 indirect jobs for area residents; and

12 Whereas, local governments would see an anticipated \$404 million
13 increase in tax revenues over that same period; and

14 Whereas, Rosemont Copper Mine water recycling technologies and
15 progressive conservation will use less than half the water of traditional
16 mines. Rosemont Copper Mine will replace groundwater pumped by recharging
17 water purchased from the Central Arizona Project; and

18 Whereas, plans are in place to begin reclamation and revegetation
19 efforts from the very beginning of the mine's operations and to implement
20 permanent land conservation and protection efforts; and

21 Whereas, Rosemont Copper Mine's footprint will be less than half the
22 size of other Pima County mines. By employing the latest technologies with
23 high efficiency, Rosemont Copper Mine will yield substantially higher amounts
24 of copper per acre; and

25 Whereas, Rosemont Copper Mine will maintain a 30,000-acre working
26 cattle ranch as part of its revegetation and reclamation effort; and

27 Whereas, the average person will use more than 1,500 pounds of copper
28 in a lifetime, and the demand for copper is growing as renewable, sustainable
29 "green" energy and new technologies all require large amounts of copper; and

30 Whereas, Rosemont Copper Mine will reduce the nation's dependence on
31 foreign copper as more than 30% of the country's copper supply currently
32 comes from outside the country.

33 Therefore

34 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
35 Representatives concurring:

36 That the Members of the Legislature support Rosemont Copper Mine on its
37 opening and extend best wishes for its successful operation.