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## **HR 2002**

Introduced by  
Representatives Sherwood: Rios

A RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 12, 2015 AS INTERNATIONAL DARWIN DAY IN ARIZONA.

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1           Whereas, February 12, 2015 is the 206th anniversary of the birth of  
2 Charles Darwin; and

3           Whereas, Charles Darwin is recognized for the discovery of natural  
4 selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution occurs; and

5           Whereas, Darwin's discovery of natural selection continues to serve as  
6 the foundation for ongoing advances in science, health, philosophy, art,  
7 education and many other areas of modern life; and

8           Whereas, Darwin's strength of character is evident in the great  
9 courage, wisdom and honesty required to explore and publish the findings  
10 supporting natural selection as the mechanism by which biological evolution  
11 occurs; and

12           Whereas, the anniversary of Darwin's birth is an appropriate day on  
13 which to celebrate and to reflect and act on the principles of intellectual  
14 bravery, perpetual curiosity and the hunger for truth, which contribute to  
15 the well-being of all people; and

16           Whereas, the State of Arizona is rightfully proud of its commitment to  
17 growth in the biotechnology industry, scientific research and education,  
18 natural resource-based recreation and tourism, research hospitals,  
19 aeronautics and other areas made possible by ongoing innovation in the life  
20 sciences.

21 Therefore

22 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

23           That the Members of the House of Representatives proclaim February 12,  
24 2015 as International Darwin Day in Arizona.