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Introduced by

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE ELEANOR ANN DAY.

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1           The Honorable Eleanor Ann (Ann) Day passed away on May 7, 2016 at  
2 the age of 77.

3           Born into a pioneering ranching family on August 10, 1938 in El  
4 Paso, Texas, Ann grew up on the Lazy B Ranch in eastern Arizona, a working  
5 cattle ranch that was started in 1880 by Ann's grandfather, HC Day, and  
6 was in her family for 114 years. Ann served on the board of directors of  
7 the Lazy B Ranch and worked there as a cowgirl throughout the early years  
8 of her life.

9           After receiving her bachelor's degree in education from Arizona  
10 State University in 1970 and her master's of education degree in  
11 counseling and guidance from the University of Arizona in 1972, Ann taught  
12 in Phoenix's Alhambra School District and worked as a substitute teacher  
13 in the Tucson Unified School District.

14           Dedicated to public service, Ann served on the Pima County  
15 Conciliation Court from 1972 to 1982. She was the first woman appointed  
16 to serve on the State Industrial Commission and also served on the State  
17 Liquor Board.

18           A lifelong member of the Republican Party, Ann was elected to the  
19 Arizona State Senate in 1990 where she served as both Majority Whip and  
20 Chairperson of the Senate Health Committee. During her time in the  
21 Senate, she tirelessly advocated on behalf of the citizens of this state  
22 through her determined leadership in health maintenance organization  
23 reform and the enactment of Arizona's Patient Bill of Rights. On her  
24 retirement from the legislature in 2000, Ann continued her tradition of  
25 public service as a Pima County Supervisor until 2012.

26           Despite the demands of her work, Ann gave selflessly of her time,  
27 energy and abilities to various civic organizations. She served on the  
28 boards of both Planned Parenthood of Arizona and the Girls Club of Tucson  
29 and on the Governor's Task Force on Marriage and the Family. She was also  
30 a sustaining member of the Junior League of Tucson and was recently named  
31 one of the 48 most influential women in Arizona history.

32           Even after spending countless hours devoted to her community, Ann  
33 managed to fit in a game of bridge now and then, adroitly perfecting her  
34 skill and strategic maneuvers.

35           Devoted to her family, Ann will be greatly missed by her brother,  
36 Alan Day, her sister, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, her son and  
37 daughter-in-law, Barry and Kim Simpson, her son, Curtis Simpson, her  
38 daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Adam Watters, her grandchildren, Caitlin  
39 Watters, Courtland Watters, Cassandra Watters, Matt Simpson and Shiloh  
40 Patton, her nephews, Scott O'Connor, Jay O'Connor, Brian O'Connor and  
41 Hollis Alan Day, and her niece, Marina Day.

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 regret at the passing of  
5 the Honorable Eleanor Ann Day and extend their sympathies and condolences  
6 to her family and many friends.