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Peshlakai, Petersen, Pratt, Quezada, Smith, Worsley, Yarbrough, Yee;
Representative Syms

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF NORMAN P. MCCLELLAND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Norman P. McClelland passed away on July 11, 2017 at the age of
2 ninety.

3 A lifelong Arizonan, Norman was born in Tucson on June 21, 1927 to
4 Irish immigrants. After graduating from Tucson High School, he received a
5 dual degree in agriculture and business administration from the University
6 of Arizona.

7 Norman was one of the driving forces behind the success of Shamrock
8 Foods Company, the parent company of Shamrock Farms and Shamrock Foods.
9 Norman's father founded the business in 1922 with a Model T truck and
10 twenty cows. After 95 years in business, Shamrock is now one of the top
11 privately held companies in America and one of the top 100 employers in
12 America. Norman served as chief executive officer of the company for 45
13 years and continued to lead the company as chairman of the board until his
14 passing.

15 Norman was an iconic leader and leaves behind a tremendous legacy of
16 business leadership and devotion to public service. He personified
17 Shamrock's longstanding commitment "to treat associates like family and
18 customers and suppliers like friends." Norman believed that it was just
19 as much the company's duty to give back to the community as it was to
20 provide superior products. As a result of his leadership, today Shamrock
21 supports more than 80 nonprofit groups, many of which are
22 education-focused, and donates more than 450,000 pounds of food annually
23 to local food banks.

24 Despite the demands of his work, Norman gave selflessly of his time,
25 energy and abilities to many charitable, business and community
26 organizations, including St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, Phoenix Children's
27 Hospital, Phoenix Mountain Preserve, the Boy Scouts of America, the Boys
28 and Girls Club and Interfaith Ministries. As a respected member of the
29 business community, he served as a leader with many organizations,
30 including the Arizona State Fair, the 100 Club of Arizona, the Phoenix
31 Mountain Preserve Commission, the Save Our Mountains Foundation, the
32 University of Arizona Eller School of Management, the Rockford Institute,
33 the Howard Center, the Goldwater Institute, the Joe Foss Institute, Duet
34 and the Irish Cultural Center. He was also actively involved with the
35 Young Presidents' Organization.

36 Norman's Irish heritage was a source of tremendous pride for him,
37 and he dedicated much of his time to ensuring that Irish culture continued
38 to thrive in Arizona. He kept in close contact with his relatives in
39 Ireland and frequently traveled there to visit friends and family. He was
40 actively involved in the Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix and led the
41 charge to create the center's 11,000-square-foot state-of-the-art library.
42 In 2016, he received the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the
43 Irish Abroad from the Irish President in recognition of his commitment to
44 promoting Irish culture and history.

1 Norman placed a high value on education and remained an active
2 supporter of his alma mater, the University of Arizona, throughout his
3 lifetime. Norman and his sister, Frances H. McClelland, were both loyal
4 alumni, and in 2008, Norman worked with their close friend, John Norton,
5 to build McClelland Park to house the John and Doris Norton School of
6 Family and Consumer Sciences. He was lifelong friends with Karl Eller,
7 and, in 1992, the new Eller College of Management facility was dedicated
8 and named McClelland Hall in their honor.

9 Humble, honest and kind, Norman had a true passion for people. At
10 every event he attended, Norman would walk around and personally shake
11 everyone's hand. He had a keen sense of humor and was known for always
12 being ready with an Irish joke.

13 Norman's life was a true reflection of his commitment to God and his
14 active participation in the Christian community. He was a dedicated
15 Presbyterian and a member of the Valley Presbyterian Church where he
16 served on numerous committees, often with his close "Band of Brothers" who
17 met every week.

18 Dedicated to his family, Norman will be deeply missed by his wife,
19 Barbara A. McClelland, son, Kent McClelland and his wife Celia, daughter,
20 Kathe McClelland, stepdaughter, Heather Helser, grandchildren, Chandra
21 McClelland, Kerani McClelland, Devon McClelland, Joshua Alvarez, Joy
22 Huneycutt and her husband David, Harlan Helser and Jaeyln Helser, great
23 grandchildren, Malachi Huneycutt and Joshua Lincoln Huneycutt, and wife
24 from a previous marriage, Barbara S. McClelland.

25 Therefore

26 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
27 Representatives concurring:

28 That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of
29 Norman P. McClelland and extend their sympathies and condolences to his
30 family and many friends.