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SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1007

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND
COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT FUNDING.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, rural communities and schools in and around national
4 forests have historically relied on a share of receipts from timber
5 harvests to support education services and roads; and

6 Whereas, in the 1980s, federal restrictions substantially diminished
7 the revenue-generating timber harvests permitted in these forests; and

8 Whereas, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination
9 Act (SRS) was passed in 2000 to stabilize and transition payments to
10 counties and schools away from the declining and unreliable share of
11 timber sales; and

12 Whereas, the failure of Congress to honor the more than 100-year-old
13 contract between the federal government and heavily forested communities
14 by not reauthorizing SRS funding for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and other
15 years created budgetary shortfalls for rural counties and school
16 districts.

17 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House
18 of Representatives concurring, prays:

19 1. That the United States Congress immediately reauthorize SRS
20 funding for fiscal years 2019 and 2020 and work toward a long-term
21 solution.

22 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a
23 copy of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the President
24 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
25 Representatives and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 2, 2018.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 5, 2018.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 3, 2018.