

House Engrossed

Ava Arpaio; death resolution.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2043

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF AVA ARPAIO.

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1 Ava Jeraldene Arpaio passed away on March 20, 2021 at the age of
2 eighty-nine after a courageous fight with cancer.

3 Born on August 25, 1931, Ava grew up in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Ava
4 was one of twelve siblings who were raised in a small farmhouse with no
5 plumbing but with an abundance of laughter. Ava met Joe Arpaio on a blind
6 date in Washington, D.C. in 1954. The couple soon became inseparable and
7 married three years later. Joe became a federal narcotics agent, and he
8 and Ava spent the early years of their marriage in various other
9 countries, including Turkey and Mexico, where Ava entertained diplomats
10 and dignitaries.

11 Ava had a multitude of diverse adventures throughout her joy-filled
12 life, including running her own dance studio and helping her husband make
13 drug busts by dancing and dining with informants. After the couple moved
14 to Chicago, Ava pursued a lifelong dream of attending beauty school. In
15 1978, they moved to Arizona where Ava started a travel agency, which she
16 ran with her son, Rocco, and which became the longest running in
17 Scottsdale.

18 Most recently, Ava walked the campaign trail in support of her
19 husband, Joe, and owned and managed commercial properties in Scottsdale
20 and Fountain Hills. She also helped her daughter set up and run the
21 world's only Catholic tearoom where she greeted and charmed guests with
22 her southern hospitality, sparkling green eyes and engaging smile.
23 Through Joe's almost sixty years in law enforcement and public service,
24 Ava never wavered in her dedication to her husband. Known for her
25 humility and grace, Ava labored every day of her life to help make her
26 family happy and fulfilled.

27 A soft-spoken and supportive wife, mother and friend, Ava is
28 survived by her husband of sixty-three years, Joe, her two children,
29 Sherry (Phil) and Rocco (Renee), her brother-in-law, Michael, and her
30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

31 Therefore

32 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
33 the Senate concurring:

34 That the Members of the Legislature express their deepest
35 condolences to the family and friends of Ava Arpaio.