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Introduced by
Senators Quezada: Alston, Mendez; Representative Cano

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH IN ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, in their pursuit of the American Dream, immigrants from
2 around the world have made Arizona their home, which has strengthened this
3 state's economy and enriched its cultural diversity; and

4 Whereas, one in eight Arizonans are immigrants or foreign-born,
5 constituting the eleventh largest immigrant population in the United
6 States; and

7 Whereas, fifty percent of Fortune 500 companies based in Arizona
8 were founded by immigrants or their children, and these companies generate
9 \$98.9 billion in annual revenue and employ 134,330 people globally; and

10 Whereas, foreign-born Arizonans own an estimated 22.7 percent of
11 businesses in the Phoenix metropolitan area despite comprising only 13.4
12 percent of the state's population; and

13 Whereas, immigrant-owned businesses employ 113,760 workers in
14 Arizona and generate \$1.3 billion in business income; and

15 Whereas, Arizona's immigrants have spending power of \$16 billion in
16 after-tax income and contribute a total of \$5.4 billion a year in federal,
17 state and local taxes; and

18 Whereas, Arizona's immigrants contribute greatly to advances in
19 technology and science; and

20 Whereas, the United States is a nation of immigrants and is founded
21 on the principle that we are all created equal.

22 Therefore,

23 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
24 Representatives concurring:

25 That the Members of the Legislature proclaim the month of June 2021
26 as Immigrant Heritage Month in Arizona in honor of the many contributions
27 and accomplishments of Arizona's immigrants and their children.