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Honorable Rosa Mroz; death resolution

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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2041**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JUDGE ROSA MROZ.

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1           The Honorable Judge Rosa Mroz, esteemed judge of the Maricopa County  
2 Superior Court, passed away on February 5, 2022.

3           Born as Peng Shao Ching in Taiwan, Rosa immigrated with her family  
4 to the United States when she was seven years old and spent her childhood  
5 in Illinois, New York, and Florida. She became a naturalized American  
6 citizen when she turned 18 years of age, the words of the judge who  
7 presided over her ceremony sparking her interest in law and the judiciary.

8           Rosa enrolled at the University of Hawaii where she met Robert Mroz,  
9 and they soon became inseparable. They moved to Arizona in 1985, where  
10 Rosa obtained her accounting degree at Arizona State University (ASU), and  
11 married in 1987. After working as an accountant for several years, Rosa  
12 enrolled in what is now the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at ASU.  
13 She went on to serve as a law clerk at the Arizona Supreme Court and the  
14 Arizona Court of Appeals, later practicing law at two prestigious law  
15 firms, the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and the Arizona Attorney  
16 General's Office.

17           In 2004, Governor Napolitano appointed Rosa to the superior court in  
18 Maricopa County, the first Asian American woman to serve on that bench.  
19 Rosa distinguished herself as an outstanding public servant throughout  
20 her lifetime, serving in family court, probate, civil, and criminal  
21 assignments. She also served as Probate Presiding Judge, where she helped  
22 devise comprehensive and essential statewide reforms. A mentor to many,  
23 Rosa responded with enthusiasm to any query, no matter how small or large.

24           Despite the rigors of her service on the bench, Judge Mroz gave  
25 generously of her time, energy, and talents to many charitable endeavors.  
26 She worked to champion causes of diversity and to uplift the careers of  
27 young judges. She was also an active member of the local Asian American  
28 legal community and the Arizona Women Lawyers' Association and served on  
29 many justice-related commissions, task forces, and committees. An admired  
30 and gifted jurist, Rosa received numerous commendations and awards,  
31 including the Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American  
32 Bar Association.

33           Herself the daughter of a dedicated mother, Rosa was that and more  
34 for her treasured children, Sarah and Tommy. No matter how late she  
35 worked, she would check their homework after dinner and if they were  
36 working into the early morning hours, she was awake with them. Along with  
37 Rob, Rosa attended every game or other school or scouting event. Other  
38 parents always knew her as Rosa, not as a judge with a national reputation  
39 for excellence. While her career was important, Rosa was most proud of  
40 her love she shared with her husband Rob and the joy they both shared in  
41 raising their beautiful children. Love of family and friends was her  
42 greatest accomplishment.

1           A pillar of the legal community, loyal friend, and devoted wife and  
2 mother, Rosa will be deeply missed by her husband, Robert, her children,  
3 Sarah and Tommy, her mother, Nancy, her brother, David, and her extended  
4 family and many friends and colleagues.

5 Therefore

6 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
7 the Senate concurring:

8           That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the  
9 passing of the Honorable Judge Rosa Mroz and extend their deepest  
10 sympathies and condolences to her family and many friends.