

House Engrossed

death resolution; Jimmie Muñoz, Sr.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2042

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF JIMMIE MUÑOZ, SR.

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1 Jimmie Muñoz, Sr., former constable of the South Mountain Justice
2 Court and member of the 101st Airborne Division, passed away at the age of
3 seventy-six on August 16, 2021 due to complications from COVID-19.

4 Born in Phoenix, Arizona, Mr. Muñoz grew up in the former Golden
5 Gate Barrio. He never forgot where he came from and loved to reminisce
6 about his upbringing there, and he even installed the complete bar from
7 the local neighborhood bar La Casita in his home.

8 After high school, Mr. Muñoz and a few of his neighborhood friends
9 joined the United States Army, where he served for six years. He returned
10 home from service and worked at a ranch where he cared for the livestock.
11 Through that rancher lifestyle, Mr. Muñoz was able to show his children
12 how to be compassionate to animals, a trait that he would display to the
13 people of his community, including in his job of seventeen years as
14 constable.

15 A exemplar of unity, Mr. Muñoz believed it was essential that the
16 community came together. During the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Muñoz and his
17 wife, former Arizona state legislator and longtime Roosevelt School
18 District Governing Board member, Norma Muñoz, helped start the South
19 Mountain Youth Development Association and opened a neighborhood local
20 hangout spot called The Batters Cage.

21 During the holidays, Mr. Muñoz would run a Christmas tree lot out of
22 his front yard so his community had the opportunity to buy a tree without
23 having to travel too far out of the neighborhood. His longtime tradition
24 of assisting during Sacred Heart's Christmas Mass provided a chance to
25 share the rich history of his old former neighborhood, the Golden Gate
26 Barrio.

27 Mr. Muñoz was a hardworking, compassionate and loving husband to his
28 wife, Norma, and a proud father to his children, James David, Michael
29 Joseph, Mario Christopher, Georgy Ann and Jimmie, Jr. He will be greatly
30 missed by his family, friends, colleagues and the people of Arizona who he
31 proudly served.

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 sincerely regret the passing of
35 Jimmie Muñoz, Sr. and extend their deepest sympathies to his family and
36 other surviving relatives.