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Georgia Lord; death resolution

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A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF GOODYEAR MAYOR GEORGIA LORD.

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1 Georgia Themia Lord, Mayor of Goodyear, Arizona, passed away in her
2 home on December 12, 2021 at the age of eighty-three. At the time of her
3 death, she had served as Goodyear's mayor for ten years.

4 Georgia Lord was born on April 23, 1938 in Lansing, Michigan to
5 Greek immigrants and spent her childhood in the rural community of Round
6 Lake. Growing up with no running water or electricity, she learned the
7 values of hard work and fierce competition as she raced her friends by
8 swimming across the lake.

9 After living in many different locations, including both nationally
10 and internationally as a military spouse, Georgia Lord and her late
11 husband, United States Air Force Colonel Ronald Lord, moved to Goodyear in
12 1997 after visiting friends and falling in love with the area.

13 Georgia Lord began her career in local government in 2005 when she
14 was elected to the Goodyear City Council, and in 2011 she was elected as
15 the city's mayor. She served on multiple committees and councils,
16 including the Arizona League of Cities and Towns Executive Committee, the
17 Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Council and Transportation
18 Policy Committee, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council Board of Directors,
19 the WESTMARC Board of Directors, the Abrazo West Hospital Board of
20 Directors and Luke West Valley Partners.

21 Mayor Lord received many accolades over the course of her political
22 career, including earning an honorary Doctorate of Public Administration
23 from Franklin Pierce University in 2019, being named the Government Leader
24 of the Year by the Arizona Capitol Times in 2019, being recognized as
25 Leadership West's Civic Leader of the Year in 2018 and being named as one
26 of the 50 Most Influential Women in Arizona Business by Arizona Business
27 Magazine in 2014. Her most recent achievement was being honored with the
28 Inspiration in Leadership Award at WESTMARC's 29th Annual Best of the West
29 Awards gala. Mayor Lord's legacy will live on through her crowning
30 achievement, the development of the Goodyear Civic Space Square at
31 Goodyear Civic Square Park, which will open in the summer of 2022.

32 Mayor Lord is survived by her four children, daughters Kimberly Lord
33 Stewart, Cassandra Louise Lord and Tiffany Lord Arnaldo and son Shane
34 Jeffrey Lord, as well as five grandsons and four great grandchildren. She
35 will be deeply missed by her family and her many friends and neighbors in
36 the Goodyear community.

37 Therefore

38 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

39 That the Members of the House of Representatives sincerely regret
40 the passing of Mayor Georgia Lord and extend their sympathies to her
41 surviving family members.