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Representatives Sierra: Bolding, Bowers, Longdon, Pawlik, Toma, Senators
Alston, Gonzales, Rios, Steele

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE HERSCHELLA HORTON.

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1 The Honorable Herschella Horton, dedicated public health care
2 advocate and former legislator, passed away on May 4, 2022 at the age
3 of 83.

4 Born in Lawrenceville, Illinois, Ms. Horton graduated from
5 Lawrenceville Township High School in 1957. She earned a nursing degree
6 from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in 1960 and a management degree
7 from the University of Phoenix in 1987. In 1965, Ms. Horton relocated to
8 Tucson, Arizona, where she worked with many hospitals and research
9 centers. In the early 1970s, she was the Coordinator of the Clinical
10 Research Center in the surgical department at the University Medical
11 Center. Ms. Horton also worked with the American Medical Women's
12 Association, directed continuing education programs in occupational safety
13 and health and managed a public health consulting firm.

14 Herschella Horton represented District 14 in Pima County from 1991
15 to 2001. She was elected by her caucus to serve as the Minority Whip and
16 served in that capacity throughout the 43rd Legislature, and in 1999 she
17 was elected Assistant Minority Leader. She served on the Health,
18 Environment, Appropriations, Block Grants and Rules Committees. After
19 leaving the Legislature, she served as Director of Legislative Services
20 with the Arizona Department of Economic Security.

21 Ms. Horton's public service reflected her passion for health care
22 and social services, where she consistently brought her management skills
23 and empathetic approach to her work. She gave generously of her time and
24 talents to many professional and civic organizations, including the United
25 Way, the National Order of Women Legislators, La Paloma Family Services,
26 the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Arizona Child Advocacy
27 Center and the Sunstone Cancer Foundation.

28 Ms. Horton was recognized by many organizations for her integrity
29 and leadership, including being named Legislator of the Year in 1994 by
30 the Maricopa Mental Health Association and the Arizona Association of Home
31 and Housing for the Aging and Citizen of the Year by the National
32 Association of Social Workers. In 1995, she received the Tucson NOW Woman
33 of Courage Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished
34 Leadership Award. She was also honored in 2007 with a brick that was
35 added to the Women's Plaza of Honor on the University of Arizona campus.
36 Ms. Horton had a reputation of dependability, commitment and experience,
37 and her influence on the lives of Arizonans will have an enduring impact.

38 A cherished mentor, staunch advocate and loving mother, Ms. Horton
39 will be greatly missed by her children, Jon Horton and Cheryl Walker, and
40 her many friends and loved ones.

41 Therefore

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

43 That the Members of the House of Representatives express regret at
44 the passing of the Honorable Herschella Horton.