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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE FRANK PRATT.

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1 The honorable Franklin M. "Frank" Pratt, one of the Legislature's
2 most senior and beloved members, passed away on September 21, 2021.

3 A native Arizonan with family roots in the area since the 1880s,
4 Frank was born in Florence on August 27, 1942. In high school, he was a
5 member of the FFA, played football and liked to participate in rodeos. He
6 graduated from Maricopa High School, where he served as class president
7 his senior year. He also attended Central Arizona College, Arizona
8 Western College and Northern Arizona University. He was a farmer and
9 rancher for many years in Maricopa and Yuma before opening a successful
10 swimming pool construction business in 1986.

11 Frank distinguished himself as an outstanding public servant during
12 his tenure at the Legislature. First elected in 2008, Frank became a
13 friend, colleague and mentor to many. During his thirteen years in the
14 Legislature, he focused on rural issues, especially those involving
15 agriculture and water, becoming well-versed in those areas. His decades
16 of experience and hard work and his ability to solve problems contributed
17 to his effectiveness as a legislator. He was recognized by many
18 organizations for his excellent record in the Legislature, including the
19 Arizona Chamber of Commerce, the Arizona Association for Economic
20 Development and the Fraternal Order of Police, and earned awards from many
21 small business, mining and health care associations. Frank had a
22 reputation of integrity and strong leadership, and his contributions to
23 the lives of Arizonans will have a lasting impact on future generations.

24 Despite the demands of his work, Frank gave selflessly of his time,
25 energy and abilities to various civic organizations. He volunteered with
26 the Red Cross and the United Way, served as the Pinal County Merit
27 Commission chairman and a Public Safety Retirement board member and was a
28 graduate of the Department of Public Safety Citizens Leadership Academy.
29 He was also a member of the Rotary, the Maricopa Chamber of Commerce and
30 the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce, where he served on the government
31 affairs committee.

32 A true gentleman, trustworthy public servant and dedicated husband
33 and father, Frank will be fondly remembered for his courtesy, humility,
34 values and convictions, as well as his honorable selflessness and service.
35 Deeply devoted to his family, Frank will be greatly missed by his wife,
36 Janice, his son, Bryan, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

37 Therefore

38 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
39 Representatives concurring:

40 That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the
41 passing of the Honorable Frank M. Pratt and extend their deepest
42 sympathies and condolences to his family and many friends.