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Introduced by
Senator Alston

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF TED WILLIAMS.

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1 Ted Williams, a long-term public servant and community leader in the
2 State of Arizona, passed away on March 16, 2023 at the age of 79.

3 From 1975 to 1990, Ted Williams was a dedicated employee with the
4 State of Arizona in a variety of roles, including service as a Special
5 Assistant for six Arizona Governors. During his tenure as a state
6 employee, he also served as a consultant in the development and
7 implementation of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, as
8 Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services and as Deputy
9 Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation.

10 Following his years of service with the state, Ted Williams went on
11 to become Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Baptist
12 Hospitals and Health Systems. Additionally, he served as Assistant County
13 Manager for Maricopa County overseeing Environmental Quality Community
14 Services and as Associate County Administrator of the Health Care Agency
15 and Operations for Maricopa County.

16 After decades of public service, Ted Williams in 1999 founded and
17 served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Arizona Behavioral
18 Health Corporation (ABC) and the Arizona Foundation for Behavioral Health
19 until his retirement in 2020. ABC provides quality, affordable housing
20 and community services for persons with behavioral health needs and others
21 with similar housing challenges in Arizona. Ted Williams was instrumental
22 in efforts to reform the behavioral health system in the State of Arizona.

23 Ted Williams worked diligently throughout his lifetime to make a
24 difference in the lives of those around him. He showed dedication,
25 kindness and professionalism in all of his endeavors, and he earned the
26 well-deserved respect and admiration of all who had the privilege of
27 knowing and working with him over the years. He will be greatly missed by
28 his family, friends, peers and the citizens of the State of Arizona.

29 Therefore

30 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
31 Representatives concurring:

32 That the Members of the Legislature express sincere regret at the
33 passing of Ted Williams and extend their deepest sympathies and
34 condolences to his family and many friends.