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A RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF GREG JERNIGAN'S EXCEPTIONAL
SERVICE WITH THE ARIZONA STATE SENATE.**

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1 Whereas, Greg Jernigan began his career on the staff of the Arizona
2 State Senate in 1973, serving as Staff Attorney for the Thirty-First
3 Legislature; and

4 Whereas, born in San Diego, California, Greg grew up in Tucson,
5 where he competed as a varsity athlete in baseball, football and track at
6 Amphitheater High School; and

7 Whereas, Greg allowed his gaze to shift away from the field and onto
8 the sideline, courting a cheerleader named Susan who would go from being
9 his high school sweetheart to his wife in 1974; and

10 Whereas, Greg and Susan made their home in the West Valley of
11 Phoenix, raising their two children, Tristan and Allison, and spoiling
12 their six grandchildren, Braedon, Ryne, Madelyn, Jameson, Aedyn and
13 Charleigh; and

14 Whereas, Greg has served the Legislature with distinction under
15 seventeen Senate Presidents in various roles, including Legal Counsel to
16 the President, Special Legal Counsel, Republican Lawyer for Redistricting,
17 General Counsel and Senate Chief of Staff, as well as an eight-year tenure
18 as the Executive Director of Legislative Council; and

19 Whereas, Greg is held in high regard for his esteemed representation
20 of the Arizona State Legislature on the Executive Committee of the
21 National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) from 1982-1987; and

22 Whereas, Greg has been recognized as a national expert in the areas
23 of reapportionment and redistricting, serving as Staff Chair and a
24 principal author of the NCSL's seminal Redistricting Law 2000, among other
25 endeavors; and

26 Whereas, Greg has enthusiastically and skillfully represented the
27 Arizona State Legislature on countless softball diamonds, bowling alleys,
28 golf courses and volleyball courts, always giving 110% in the pursuit of
29 victory; and

30 Whereas, Greg has shown his undying patriotism by only wearing red,
31 white or blue colored clothing his entire career, befitting of one born on
32 the Fourth of July; and

33 Whereas, Greg has been an invaluable resource for elected members,
34 applying his vast institutional knowledge and one-of-a-kind ability to
35 navigate complex issues in fulfilling member objectives; and

36 Whereas, Greg's earnest and faithful work product is imprinted
37 throughout the Arizona Revised Statutes and Senate Rules, and, as
38 summarized by the words of one former Senate President, "he's been there
39 long enough that he's in the category of being an institution"; and

40 Whereas, universally commended by colleagues, legislators and the
41 entire legislative community for his resolution, trustworthiness and high
42 character, Greg has earned the well-deserved respect and admiration of all
43 who have had the privilege of working with him over the decades.

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

3 That the Members of the Senate celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of
4 the start of Greg Jernigan's career with the Senate and warmly thank him
5 for his years of excellence and continued service in the years to come.