

House Engrossed

Dr. Geraldine Peten; death resolution

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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2046**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DR. GERALDINE PETEN.

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1 The Honorable Dr. Geraldine Peten passed away December 13, 2023,  
2 just one day shy of her 76th birthday. She was born to John and Juanita  
3 Peten on December 14, 1947 in the city of Durham, North Carolina.

4 Education was extremely important to Dr. Peten, and she was  
5 committed to being a lifelong learner. She earned a Doctorate in  
6 Education in Curriculum and Instruction from Northern Arizona University,  
7 a Master of Science in Construction Management from Arizona State  
8 University, a Master of Arts in Supervision and Administration from Seton  
9 Hall University and a Bachelor of Arts in Vocational Education from  
10 Montclair State College.

11 Following years of service as an educational administrator and  
12 consultant, Dr. Peten was appointed by the Maricopa County Board of  
13 Supervisors in 2017 to represent then Legislative District 4 in the  
14 Arizona House of Representatives and was subsequently elected and served  
15 until 2021. In this capacity, she served on the Education, Land &  
16 Agriculture and the State & International Affairs committees and was the  
17 primary sponsor of four bills, including those that implemented a school  
18 funding task force and repealed college credit by examination. Dr. Peten  
19 gave generously of her time, energy and expertise to various worthwhile  
20 endeavors to promote civil rights, equity in education and community  
21 service, and she also founded the West Valley NAACP.

22 Dr. Peten raised her two sons, CJ Harris and Jordan Ashley, in  
23 Maplewood, New Jersey and Peoria, Arizona. Her enduring legacy is  
24 reflected in the profound love and unwavering dedication she bestowed on  
25 her children and 10 grandchildren.

26 Dr. Peten is survived by her sons, CJ and Jordan, her grandchildren,  
27 Paine Seth, Cy Jerome, Bryce Baron, Cameryn Juanita, Courtney Jae, Hunter  
28 Eugene, Jordan Ashlei, Mila Nova, Baldwin Rue and Axel Hampton, and her  
29 siblings, Charles Peten and Estene Tarber, as well as countless nieces and  
30 nephews and lifelong friends. She will be greatly missed by all who had  
31 the privilege of knowing and working with her.

32 Therefore

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,  
34 the Senate concurring:

35 That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of  
36 the Honorable Dr. Geraldine Peten and extend their sincere sympathies and  
37 condolences to her surviving family members and friends.