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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

HONORING ARIZONA'S LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

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1 Whereas, police, fire and emergency services are fundamental
2 cornerstones of civil society; and

3 Whereas, the safety and security of our state depend on the
4 commitment, courage and selflessness of law enforcement officers and other
5 first responders to put themselves in harm's way; and

6 Whereas, providing law enforcement assistance to federal, state and
7 local law enforcement agencies, the Arizona Rangers were officially
8 established in state statute in 2002. They also provide other community
9 services, such as security services for community and civic organizations
10 and support for youth and youth organizations within Arizona; and

11 Whereas, first responders risk their own safety and personal
12 property in executing their duties to protect the public on a daily basis;
13 and

14 Whereas, first responders are the first line of defense for the
15 public against threats, both domestic and foreign; and

16 Whereas, first responders stand ready to come to the aid of United
17 States citizens twenty-four hours a day; and

18 Whereas, Arizona Rangers, law enforcement officers, sheriffs and
19 other first responders are dedicated, unselfish and honorable individuals
20 who serve this state and its citizens and preserve the tradition, honor,
21 ethics and history of this state. Their history is one of integrity,
22 pride and unequalled law enforcement service; and

23 Whereas, the sheriff is the last line of defense for American
24 citizens and is the only elected law enforcement official in America; and

25 Whereas, law enforcement officers valiantly put themselves at
26 perilous risk to keep the citizens of this state unscathed; and

27 Whereas, law enforcement officers and other first responders display
28 immense analytical and critical-thinking skills every day, making
29 split-second, life-altering decisions in stressful and ever-changing
30 environments; and

31 Whereas, individuals who join law enforcement on a volunteer basis
32 receive no monetary compensation or reimbursement for their service and
33 provide their own uniforms, duty gear, weapons and ammunition; and

34 Whereas, by nature dedicated and trustworthy, the well-trained law
35 enforcement officers, first responders and Arizona Rangers are committed
36 to public service; and

37 Whereas, first responders are a vital part of our communities, not
38 only standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering in our
39 schools and community organizations; and

40 Whereas, both career and volunteer individuals from police, fire,
41 emergency medical services, search and rescue, the Arizona Rangers and
42 other organizations in the public safety sector come together as a
43 collective to aid the public in the event of an emergency; and

1 Whereas, the Arizona Rangers, past and present, have proven to be a
2 valuable and important part of Arizona's historical heritage; and

3 Whereas, it is fitting that the people of Arizona honor, recognize
4 and thank the first responders who serve and protect them and create safe
5 communities that we all desire.

6 Therefore

7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
8 the Senate concurring:

9 1. That the Members of the Legislature honor and express their
10 sincere gratitude to all law enforcement personnel and other first
11 responders in the State of Arizona.

12 2. That the Members of the Legislature recognize the rich history
13 of Arizona's first responders and honor volunteers for their unparalleled
14 public service.