

House Engrossed
honoring Joan Romano

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2003

A RESOLUTION

HONORING JOAN ROMANO FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Whereas, the efforts of the Arizona Legislature's dedicated
2 employees provide invaluable assistance to the elected members in service
3 to the State of Arizona; and

4 Whereas, for over 35 years, Joan Romano has epitomized the selfless
5 dependability of legislative staff by providing exemplary assistance to
6 the Legislature; and

7 Whereas, Joan Romano was born in New Rochelle, New York, as the
8 younger sister to four brothers. In 1979, Joan embarked on a journey to
9 Arizona at the age of 21. She began working as a switchboard operator at
10 the Phoenix Hyatt Regency shortly after arriving in Arizona. Afterward,
11 she accepted a position at the Arizona Department of Economic Security in
12 the early 1980s. Joan continued her state service in 1982, working as a
13 switchboard operator for the Arizona Department of Administration, which
14 was housed in what is the current Joint Legislative Budget Committee
15 building on Adams Street; and

16 Whereas, Joan Romano began her career as a legislative staff member
17 working in the House of Representatives as a supply clerk in 1989. Verna
18 Watson was her supervisor until 1992, when Verna retired. Joan was then
19 promoted to supply supervisor. As supervisor, Joan has overseen the
20 production needs of the House of Representatives through bill and
21 amendment printing and distribution, production of the House journals,
22 ordering stationery, business cards and notepads and fulfilling every
23 other request that she has been asked to complete. Joan is especially
24 proud of the partnership with Arizona Correctional Industries, which has
25 produced furniture for the House, including the desktops on each member's
26 floor desks; and

27 Whereas, Joan Romano has distinguished herself as a conscientious
28 and hardworking individual and her work ethic and loyalty are unsurpassed.
29 She has consistently demonstrated the highest character and competence,
30 and she has mastered her knowledge of duplicating machines and the other
31 equipment necessary to keep the Legislature running. Joan Romano has
32 earned the well-deserved respect and admiration of all who have had the
33 privilege of working with her over the years. In retirement, Joan is
34 looking forward to painting, attending art classes and spending time with
35 her children and grandchildren and her loving husband of 42 years, Mike
36 Romano.

37 Therefore

38 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

39 That the Members of the House of Representatives warmly thank and
40 honor Joan Romano for 35 years of exceptional service and wish her well on
41 her retirement.