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Introduced by
Representative Montenegro

A RESOLUTION

HONORING MICHAEL HUNTER FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE ARIZONA
LEGISLATURE.

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

4 Whereas, for over 25 years, Michael Hunter has been a dedicated and
5 dependable part of the Capitol community and has provided exemplary
6 assistance to the Legislature; and

7 Whereas, Michael Hunter earned his bachelor's degree from California
8 State University, Long Beach, and a Master of Arts from the University of
9 California, Riverside. Michael and his wife, Dawn, now reside in Phoenix
10 and have four children and one grandchild; and

11 Whereas, Michael Hunter has worked in and around the state Capitol
12 since 1997. In 2016, Michael became chief of staff in the House of
13 Representatives and has served in that position under House Speakers J.D.
14 Mesnard, Russell Bowers, Ben Toma and Steve Montenegro; and

15 Whereas, Michael Hunter has held many senior staff positions,
16 including at the Goldwater Institute, Governor Jan Brewer's office, the
17 Arizona Senate, the Arizona Board of Regents and the Arizona Tax Research
18 Association. He has also served as a commissioned officer in the Arizona
19 Army National Guard; and

20 Whereas, Michael Hunter is known for his depth of knowledge across
21 multiple policy areas and was instrumental in the passage of historic
22 legislation that expanded school choice and reformed the tax code in
23 Arizona. He has been called on numerous times to serve on task forces and
24 committees, such as the Arizona Fiscal Accountability Committee, the
25 Arizona School Finance Advisory Committee, the School District
26 Redistricting Commission and the Steering Committee for the Transportation
27 and Trade Corridor Alliance. Additionally, he served as chairman of
28 Governor Jan Brewer's Transaction Privilege Tax Simplification Task Force
29 and as a member of Governor Doug Ducey's Transition Budget Committee; and

30 Whereas, Michael Hunter has been a steady force, trusted advisor,
31 mentor and respected voice in the legislature, generously sharing his
32 time, expertise and knowledge of French existential poetry with
33 legislators, staff and stakeholders. His vast experience and leadership
34 across Arizona's legislative and executive branches have made him an
35 invaluable part of the legislature. He will be greatly missed by his
36 colleagues, Arizona's legislators and all who have had the privilege of
37 working with him over the years; and

38 Whereas, in stepping down from his position, Michael Hunter will
39 continue to serve his community as chief operating officer for Christian
40 Family Care and will direct more time and energy toward the well-being of
41 his family.

42 Therefore

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

44 That the Members of the House of Representatives warmly thank and
45 honor Michael Hunter for his many years of exceptional service to the
46 State of Arizona and wish him well in his future endeavors.