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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT, THE CONGRESS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO REFORM THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND THE MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION ACT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the President and the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of
2 the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and the
3 Chief of the United States Forest Service and the Director of the
4 United States Fish and Wildlife Service:

5 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

6 Whereas, since their enactments, the Endangered Species Act of 1973
7 and the Migratory Bird Conservation Act have created unreasonable
8 regulatory hurdles for property owners while failing to help many species;
9 and

10 Whereas, ranching and grazing represent the culture, customs and
11 traditions of our rural economies throughout this state; and

12 Whereas, the implementation of federal policies surrounding the
13 Endangered Species Act and Migratory Bird Conservation Act has caused the
14 federal government to unfairly cancel leases and evict ranchers from their
15 grazing lands; and

16 Whereas, these acts and federal policies need to be challenged,
17 amended and reformed to recognize long-standing agricultural practices,
18 support rural communities and reduce the impacts on Arizona ranchers; and

19 Whereas, the Western Governors' Association believes that these acts
20 should be improved through proactive, cooperative and science-based
21 conservation efforts, with states playing a greater role.

22 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
23 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

24 1. That the President and the Congress of the United States work to
25 reform the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and the Migratory Bird
26 Conservation Act.

27 2. That the Director of the United States Bureau of Land
28 Management, the Chief of the United States Forest Service and the Director
29 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service adopt any policies
30 necessary to reduce burdensome regulatory requirements on ranchers and
31 prevent unfair lease cancellations and evictions on federally controlled
32 grazing lands in the West due to the implementation of the Endangered
33 Species Act of 1973 and the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

34 3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
35 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the
36 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States
37 House of Representatives, each Member of Congress from the State of
38 Arizona, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the
39 Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Chief of the United States
40 Forest Service and the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife
41 Service.