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Introduced by

Representatives Griffin: Allen, Blackman, Bliss, Carbone, Carter P, Diaz,
Fink, Gillette, Gress, Heap, Hendrix, Keshel, Kolodin, Livingston, Lopez,
Martinez, Montenegro, Nguyen, Olson, Peña, Pingerelli, Powell, Reim,
Rivero, Way, Willoughby, Wilmeth; Senator Gowan

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF LOUIS GASPER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Louis Clement Gasper passed away on March 22, 2026 at the age of 82
2 in Plano, Texas.

3 Louis was born on June 13, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio to parents
4 George Gasper and Mary Ann Gasper. He had a distinguished life marked by
5 contributions to academia, public service and his community. Louis held a
6 PhD in Economics from Duke University. After he earned his degree, Louis
7 went on to teach at the University of Arizona before moving to Dallas,
8 Texas.

9 Louis met his wife, Jo Ann, in Grapevine, Texas and shortly after
10 their marriage they moved to Washington, D.C. The beginning of his long
11 career in public service began there after Arizona Representative John
12 Conlan hired him to work for the United States House of Representatives
13 Committee on Financial Services, Banking. Louis would later staff the
14 United State Senate Finance Committee up until his appointment by former
15 President Ronald Reagan to serve as executive vice president and acting
16 president of the Government National Mortgage Association.

17 After his service in Washington, D.C., Louis returned to Texas to
18 teach business finance and business ethics at the University of Dallas and
19 its graduate school of business. Louis retired with his wife to the high
20 desert of Arizona in Cochise County where he was appointed as an
21 arbitrator and mediator for the superior court of Cochise County.

22 A man of diverse talents and passions, Louis was a longtime member
23 of the Philadelphia Society, a Knight Grand Cross, Equestrian Order of the
24 Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

25 Louis was very active in local, state and national politics and
26 served as a Cochise County Republican Precinct Committeeman, a State
27 Committeeman and Chairman of Arizona legislative district 19.

28 A loving father, husband and grandfather, Louis Gasper is survived
29 by his wife, Jo Ann, his children, Stephen, Monica, Jeanne, Phyllis and
30 Clare, and grandchildren, Amelia, Beatrice, Eva, Katarina, Kayce, Louis
31 and Rebecca.

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 express sincere regret at the
36 passing of Louis Gasper and extend their deepest sympathies to his family
37 and friends.