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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DISAPPROVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE ARIZONA
ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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1 Whereas, the Arizona Constitution establishes the Attorney General
2 as the chief legal officer of Arizona, entrusted with the responsibility
3 to accurately interpret, uphold and explain the laws of this state; and

4 Whereas, public statements made by the Arizona Attorney General on
5 matters of criminal law, self-defense and the use of force carry
6 exceptional authority and are reasonably relied on by the public, law
7 enforcement officers and other governmental entities; and

8 Whereas, the lawful use of force against peace officers is among the
9 most serious and narrowly defined areas of Arizona law, governed by
10 specific statutory standards, controlling judicial precedent and
11 longstanding principles requiring submission to lawful authority and
12 resolution to disputes through the courts; and

13 Whereas, the Arizona Attorney General has publicly provided legal
14 commentary or advice concerning the circumstances under which members of
15 the public may use deadly force against federal, state and local law
16 enforcement officers; and

17 Whereas, such statements were materially incomplete, inaccurate or
18 insufficiently qualified and failed to adequately convey the narrow and
19 exceptional nature of any lawful justification for the use of force
20 against law enforcement officers; and

21 Whereas, inaccurate or imprecise public guidance on this subject
22 creates a foreseeable risk of confusion, escalation of encounters, harm to
23 civilians, harm or even death to law enforcement officers and erosion of
24 public confidence in the rule of law; and

25 Whereas, multiple statewide law enforcement organizations
26 representing law enforcement officers and leaders have called the Arizona
27 Attorney General's statements harmful and dangerous to law enforcement;
28 and

29 Whereas, the Arizona Attorney General is using state resources to
30 selectively solicit complaints to target United States Immigration and
31 Customs Enforcement officers; and

32 Whereas, the House of Representatives has a constitutional and
33 institutional interest in affirming the importance of accurate legal
34 guidance, public safety and respect for lawful authority, while preserving
35 the rights of individuals to seek judicial remedies for alleged misconduct
36 by law enforcement officers; and

37 Whereas, Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs has described the Arizona
38 Attorney General's comments as "inappropriate" and that "if she had to do
39 as much explaining as she has, it didn't hit the mark"; and

40 Whereas, the failure of the Arizona Attorney General to promptly
41 clarify or correct public legal statements that risk endangering the
42 public and all law enforcement officers or misrepresenting Arizona law
43 further exacerbates the potential harm caused by such statements.

1 Therefore

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

3 1. That the Members of the House of Representatives formally
4 express their disapproval of the Arizona Attorney General's public
5 statements regarding the use of force against law enforcement officers, to
6 the extent that those statements are inaccurate, incomplete or misleading
7 under Arizona law.

8 2. That the Members of the House of Representatives affirm that
9 Arizona law strongly favors submission to lawful authority and resolution
10 of disputes through judicial processes and that the lawful use of force
11 against law enforcement officers is allowed only in the most limited and
12 exceptional circumstances defined by statute and case law.

13 3. That the Members of the House of Representatives call on the
14 Arizona Attorney General to retract her dangerous rhetoric concerning the
15 use of deadly force against federal, state and local law enforcement
16 officers.

17 4. That the Members of the House of Representatives call on the
18 Arizona Attorney General to issue a public statement expressing support
19 for all federal, state and local law enforcement officers, including law
20 enforcement officers serving in the United States Immigration and Customs
21 Enforcement.

22 5. That the Members of the House of Representatives call on the
23 Arizona Attorney General to exercise greater care, precision and restraint
24 when publicly addressing matters involving criminal law, self-defense and
25 interactions with law enforcement officers.

26 6. That the Members of the House of Representatives call on the
27 Arizona Attorney General to issue clarifying corrective guidance that
28 accurately reflects Arizona law and minimizes the risk of public
29 misunderstanding or harm.

30 7. That the Members of the House of Representatives call on the
31 Arizona Attorney General to resign from her position because she has lost
32 the trust of Arizona law enforcement officers and her continuance as
33 Attorney General will offer support to those using her misstatements as a
34 defense when charged with using deadly force against law enforcement
35 officers.

36 8. That the Members of the House of Representatives declare that
37 this resolution is intended to protect the public and law enforcement
38 safety, uphold rule of law and preserve public confidence in the Office of
39 Attorney General and in Arizona's justice system.

40 9. That the Members of the House of Representatives condemn the
41 inappropriate comments made by the Arizona Attorney General and formally
42 censure the Arizona Attorney General.