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A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF SHEILA MATTOX.

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1 Sheila Jean Mattox, affectionately known as Ginger, passed away on  
2 January 17, 2026.

3 Ginger was born on July 25, 1947 in Ottawa, Illinois to William  
4 "Bill" Mattox and Shirley Kirk Gauwitz. Ginger's roots ran deep through  
5 the soil of history, as she was the proud granddaughter of racing legend  
6 Shorty Cantlon. She lived a life rich with love and purpose.

7 Ginger's professional life was characterized by her tenacity and  
8 charm as she climbed the ranks to become a regional account manager at  
9 General Electric. Her retirement days were anything but idle, as she  
10 poured her heart and soul into her beloved Phoenix historic district,  
11 known as FQ Story, where she earned the nickname "The Fixer."

12 Ginger tackled the most complex issues with a smile, an unyielding  
13 optimism and a conviction that there was no challenge too great to  
14 overcome. She was a master researcher and negotiator who tackled the  
15 thorniest issue and strive for win-win solutions.

16 For Ginger, there was no problem that she thought could not be  
17 solved and no person in need whom she met that she did not try to help.  
18 Using her skills developed in the business world, combined with her  
19 passion, she helped resolve community issues such as the FAA flight path  
20 changes.

21 Ginger's spiritual nature was the compass that guided her through  
22 life's adventures. Her passions were as diverse as her talents, including  
23 music, gardening, cooking, motorcycle riding and a deep appreciation for  
24 nature.

25 Ginger lived life full of zeal and purpose. She never met a  
26 stranger she couldn't help or a problem she wouldn't face head-on. She  
27 inspired all those around her, and her story is a testament to the power  
28 of one and the heart that she embodied every day in her tireless service  
29 to her community.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
32 Arizona the:

33 That the Members of the House of Representatives express sincere  
34 regret at the passing of Sheila "Ginger" Mattox and extend their deepest  
35 sympathies to her family and many friends.