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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ACT TO INCREASE THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS FIELD OFFICE PERSONNEL AT THE PORTS OF ENTRY IN NOGALES, DOUGLAS AND SAN LUIS, ARIZONA.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the United States and Mexico are important trading partners,
4 and commerce between the two countries is a critical source of jobs, income
5 and exchange; and

6 Whereas, according to the United States Department of Commerce, more
7 than \$500 billion in bilateral trade and over \$100 billion occurs in
8 cross-border investment annually; and

9 Whereas, in Arizona, \$28 billion in two-way trade is processed annually
10 through Arizona's ports of entry; and

11 Whereas, according to the United States Census Bureau, Arizona exports
12 to Mexico totaled \$7.1 billion in 2013; and

13 Whereas, the prime conduits for cross-border trade are through the
14 ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas and San Luis, Arizona; and

15 Whereas, the Customs Field Office personnel within the United States
16 Custom and Border Protection service of the United States Department of
17 Homeland Security serve a vital function in promoting security and economic
18 stability; and

19 Whereas, the lack of capacity and staffing for customs inspections at
20 these primary entry points create congestion for incoming and outgoing goods,
21 hampers commercial activity and potentially compromises border security; and

22 Whereas, these impediments ultimately translate into perished
23 agricultural produce and lost business opportunities and income; and

24 Whereas, the rapid delivery of goods and commerce enhances business
25 activity and strengthens economic integration; and

26 Whereas, greater inspection capacity at the United States border at the
27 ports of entry in Nogales, Douglas and San Luis, Arizona will enhance the
28 safety and swiftness of goods moving across the border, benefiting the
29 economies of both nations; and

30 Whereas, increasing the number of Customs Field Office personnel at
31 these ports will facilitate commercial traffic and will result in increased
32 economic growth and stability for Arizona; and

33 Whereas, the letter signed by every member of the Arizona Congressional
34 delegation and sent to the United States Department of Homeland Security
35 dated October 14, 2014 expressed the need for greater staffing and allocation
36 of personnel to Arizona's ports of entry.

37 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
38 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

39 1. That the United States Congress act expediently to increase and
40 maintain staffing for Customs Field Office personnel at the ports of entry in
41 Nogales, Douglas and San Luis, Arizona in order to prudently speed the flow
42 of goods and commerce.

43 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
44 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of
45 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from
46 the State of Arizona.

~~PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 4, 2015.~~

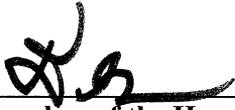
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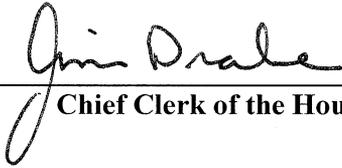
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Speaker of the House

Pro Tempore

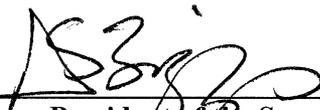


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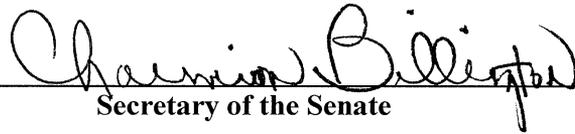
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by the following vote: 28 Ayes,

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President of the Senate



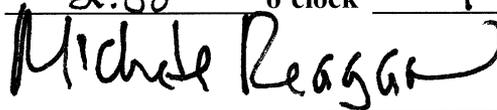
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Memorial received by the Secretary of State

this 12 day of March, 20 15

at 2:00 o'clock P M.



Secretary of State

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