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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1007

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE JOHN UPTON HAYS.

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1 The Honorable John Upton Hays passed away on June 10, 2016 at the
2 age of eighty-eight.

3 Born on February 14, 1928, John was raised on his family's ranch in
4 Peeples Valley, Arizona. Developing a thirst for learning at an early
5 age, John started his educational journey as a student at a one-room
6 schoolhouse that sat on the ranch before attending Prescott High School.
7 Later, he went on to attend the University of Arizona, the University of
8 the Americas in Mexico City, where he majored in Latin American Studies,
9 Spanish and Portuguese, and the Thunderbird School of Global Management in
10 Glendale, where he earned a master's degree.

11 In 1967, John met his future bride, Mary Greene Sharp, the daughter
12 of a prominent Southern Arizona ranching family, at the Yavapai Cattle
13 Growers' annual calf sale and barbecue, an event that has been hosted at
14 the Hays ranch since the 1930s. The two married shortly thereafter and
15 raised their family on the ranch.

16 Elected to the Arizona Legislature in 1974, John represented
17 District 1 in the House from 1975 to 1982 and the Senate from 1983 to
18 1990. Afterward, he served as the Governor's Legislative Liaison and as
19 the Director of the Department of Weights and Measures under Governor Fife
20 Symington. In 2000, John was appointed to the State Parks Board, which he
21 served as chairman. Throughout his entire political career, John was a
22 strong voice for rural Arizonans. His kindness, humility and
23 reasonableness in the midst of trying situations were unparalleled, and he
24 displayed a tremendous ability to garner the support and respect of his
25 peers on both sides of the political aisle. Among his many projects, he
26 worked tirelessly to preserve agricultural and private property rights,
27 ensure prudent groundwater management, stimulate rural economic
28 development and protect wildlife, crops and livestock.

29 Despite the demands of his ranching and political careers, John gave
30 selflessly of his time, energy and abilities to various organizations that
31 shared his commitment to bettering the State of Arizona. Some of his many
32 professional affiliations include membership on the Yavapai County
33 Planning and Zoning Commission, the Southwest Screwworm Eradication Board
34 and the Triangle Natural Resource Conservation District Board. He also
35 served as President of the Yavapai Cattle Growers' Association and was a
36 founding member of Project CENTRL (Center for Rural Leadership), which he
37 served as board President for several years.

38 John was a successful rancher, avid reader, world traveler, talented
39 linguist, respected legislator and loving husband, father, grandfather and
40 friend. He will be remembered as a true "renaissance cowboy."

41 Dedicated to his family, John will be greatly missed by his wife of
42 almost 48 years, Mary, his children, John Jr., Jane and Rebecca, and his
43 seven grandchildren.

1 Therefore
2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
3 Representatives concurring:
4 That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of
5 the Honorable John Upton Hays and extend their sympathies and condolences
6 to his family and many friends.

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Speaker of the House

Pro Tempore

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Chief Clerk of the House

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this 2 day of May, 20 17,

at 2:56 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State