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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MINNIE A. GRIFFIN.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Minnie A. Griffin passed away on February 4, 2018 at the age of
2 ninety-six.

3 Born on October 12, 1921 in Stoughton, Massachusetts, Minnie grew up
4 with her family in New England during the Great Depression years. After
5 graduating from Brookline High School in 1939, she attended a Western
6 Union training school to learn how to use the teletype machines and paste
7 the messages onto telegrams, and began working for the company in
8 Boston. She remembered the December 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor as a
9 frightening and terrible day; the war soon became close and personal to
10 her through her work at Western Union sending telegrams to the family of
11 soldiers who were killed or missing in action.

12 Wishing to do more to serve her country, Minnie enlisted in the
13 Women's Army Corps in 1943. She attended basic training, radio training
14 school and overseas training before being assigned to the 8th Air Force
15 post in Watford, England. There, she was responsible for reporting the
16 weather conditions in Germany and the English Channel to military bases
17 throughout England so that the fighter planes could determine their
18 missions.

19 It was while stationed in Watford that she met Jimmy Griffin, a
20 soldier from Globe, Arizona. The couple began their relationship and
21 worked together at the Watford base, then continued their courtship over
22 the next couple of years as she was sent to work in France and
23 Belgium. They were reunited when she was transferred back to England, and
24 the two married on June 11, 1945 in High Wycombe, England.

25 In October of that year, Minnie received an honorable discharge from
26 the military. Her admirable service to her country earned her medals for
27 serving in the European Theatre of Operations and in the Battle of the
28 Bulge. She soon set sail for home aboard the Queen Mary, leaving Jim
29 behind in England. On returning to the United States, Minnie was overcome
30 with emotion at the sight of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor,
31 something she thought she might never again see. A month later, Jimmy
32 returned to the states as well, and the two traveled by train to Globe,
33 Arizona, which became her beloved home for the next seventy-two years. In
34 Globe, she happily embraced the ranch life; she served as owner of the
35 Griffin Cattle Ranch and as a member of the Gila County Cowbells.

36 After raising her six children, Minnie worked at Gila Pueblo College
37 as administrative assistant to the dean for fifteen years. She loved
38 music and had a wonderful sense of humor. She enjoyed going to the casino
39 and cajoled many friends and family into taking her there. Minnie was
40 dearly loved by all who knew her and leaves a legacy of courage, humility,
41 faith and strength.

42 Dedicated to her family, Minnie will be deeply missed by her
43 children, Linda, Sue, JoAnn, Therese, John and Janet, her nineteen
44 grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and two
45 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband,

1 Jimmy Griffin, parents, Chester and Christine Cummings Keeler, brother,
2 Chester, and elder sister, Minnie Keeler.
3 Therefore
4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
5 the Senate concurring:
6 That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of
7 Minnie A. Griffin and extend their sympathies and condolences to her
8 family and many friends.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Resolution received by the Secretary of State

this 14 day of March, 20 18

at 2:52 o'clock P M.

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Secretary of State