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JAMES MINOTTO SENATE RESOLUTION 1001

A Resolution on the death of the Honorable James Minotto.

The Honorable James Minotto, former United States diplomat and a prominent figure in Arizona banking, ranching and politics, died in Phoenix on August 15, 1980 at the age of eighty-nine.

Born February 17, 1891 in Berlin he was the son of German stage actress Agnes Sorma and Count Demetrio Minotto, an Italian historian. After graduating from Potsdam Gymnasium he entered the banking business working for the Deutsche Bank in Berlin and London.

In 1914 Mr. Minotto came to New York to work for the Guaranty Trust Company. Soon after he was sent to South America to study banking conditions, and after returning he established a Latin American Department which he headed for two years. He went on to work for Equitable Trust, now Chase Manhattan Bank, in a similar capacity.

In 1916 he married Idamay Swift of the Swift meat packing family in Chicago. Mr. Minotto became a naturalized citizen in 1921. In the same year he became Vice-President of Boulevard National Bank, remaining there until 1924 when he moved to Arizona.

His first home was on the Hassayampa River about fourteen miles east of Kirkland Junction. In 1925 he purchased the St. John's Mission ranch west of Phoenix and turned it into a dairy ranch. He also operated the Z Triangle Ranch in Walnut Grove and the B-Bar-B cattle ranch, a one hundred thousand acre spread straddling Yavapai and Coconino counties.

Mr. Minotto successfully ran for the board of governors of the Salt River Project in 1929 and was reelected five times. A Democrat, Mr. Minotto ably represented Maricopa County in the State Senate in the Eleventh Legislature in 1933 and also in the Fourteenth and Sixteenth Legislatures. He served ably as Chairman of the Employees and Supplies and the Agriculture and Irrigation Committees. He worked successfully with his colleagues on the Education, Enrolling and Engrossing, Municipalities, Public Defense, Public Health, Rules, Style, Revision and Compilation, and Suffrage and Election Committees.

In 1931 Mr. Minotto made an unsuccessful bid for the Arizona governorship. After his first wife's death in 1943 he married Julia Franklin. He became associate to the president of Cudahy Packing in 1947, resigning after a year to travel to Europe for study of the effects of the Marshall Plan. In 1950 President Truman appointed Mr. Minotto as chief of the Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) in Rome. A year later he became minister of the ECA in Portugal, serving until 1955.

Returning to banking in 1956, Mr. Minotto worked for the Valley National Bank until 1958 when he took leave to develop a report on South America and the Caribbean region for the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

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In 1958 Mr. Minotto started his own bank, the Bank of Phoenix, which in 1970 became Great Western Bank and Savings. Mr. Minotto continued to serve his government as special consultant to various Senate committees in 1964, 1965 and 1968. He also served as a consultant for Arizona Public Service and Western Savings and was an associate broker at Ed Post Realty before retiring in 1977.

A man of innumerable talents and interests, Mr. Minotto competed in some seventy rodeos, specializing in roping and team tying events. He financed the Phoenix Rodeo in 1931 and put on the highly successful World's Fair Rodeo in Chicago in 1933. He helped found the Maricopa County Sheriff's Posse of which he was Captain from 1938 to 1947. One of his particular interests was the Phoenix Little Theatre in the productions of which his wife Julia frequently had starring roles.

The Italian Republic decorated Mr. Minotto as Commander with the Order of Merit. Until recent years he was a member of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Club, Navy League, Fraternal Order of Police, Elks Club, Woodsmen of the World, Moose Club, Paradise and Kiva Country Clubs and the Phoenix Real Estate Board.

James Minotto will be deeply missed by his family, his friends and the people of Arizona.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

That the members of the Senate sincerely regret the passing of the Honorable James Minotto and do, therefore, extend condolences to the surviving members of his family.

Adopted by the Senate, November 9, 1981.

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, November 9, 1981.

FRANK G. MURPHY

SENATE RESOLUTION 1002

A Resolution on the death of the Honorable Frank G. Murphy.

The Honorable Frank G. Murphy passed away at the age of eighty-five on January 12, 1981 in the City of Phoenix.

Mr. Murphy was an active leader in politics for thirty years and was a former Mayor of the City of Phoenix and a former State Senator.

A native Arizonan, Mr. Murphy was born in Prescott and was the son of William Murphy, the first Sheriff of Gila County. He attended schools in Prescott and Regis College, Denver, Colorado. From 1913 to 1917 he worked as a boilermaker's apprentice for the Sante Fe Railroad. Entering the armed services in 1917, Mr. Murphy served in France during World War I. Mr. Murphy went to work for Union Oil Company as a salesman in Holbrook in 1919 and in 1920 he moved to Phoenix. In 1925 he married Eula Parker. Mr. Murphy opened the Goodrich-Silvertown Store on East Van Buren Street in 1929 and worked for B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company as a manager for nine years.

He became an agency organizer for Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York and later opened his own insurance company.

In 1949 he was elected to the Phoenix City Council on the first Charter Government ticket with Mayor Nicholas Udall and was reelected in 1951. Mr. Murphy was elected Mayor of the City of Phoenix in 1954, and, after completing a term in that nonpartisan office he successfully ran for the State Senate as a Democrat.

He served with distinction in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Legislatures from 1957 to 1960. He served skillfully and ably as Chairman of the Enrolling and