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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2043

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE BOB STUMP.

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1 Congressman Bob Stump was born in Phoenix, Arizona on April 4, 1927. He
2 was a lifelong cotton farmer at his family farm in Tolleson, Arizona, a World
3 War II United States Navy combat veteran and an esteemed public servant of
4 the State of Arizona.

5 Bob Stump began his career of public service in 1943 when, just after
6 his sixteenth birthday, he enlisted in the United States Navy by convincing
7 military officials that he was eighteen years old. He served as a Navy
8 pharmacist mate aboard the U.S.S. Lunga Point and U.S.S. Tulagi,
9 participating in some of the most decisive campaigns of the Pacific theater,
10 including the liberation of Luzon in the Phillipines, the invasion of Iwo
11 Jima and the assault on Okinawa.

12 On his return from military service, Bob Stump graduated from Tolleson
13 High School and subsequently attended Arizona State College, where he served
14 as student body vice president and earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy in
15 1951.

16 Bob Stump's tenure as an elected official began in 1959 when he was
17 elected to the Arizona House of Representatives. During his eight-year
18 tenure in the House, he served on the agriculture and irrigation, livestock
19 and public lands, civil defense and veterans affairs, welfare, education and
20 appropriations committees as well as the Legislative Council. He sponsored
21 legislation dealing with taxes, education, juvenile crime and immigration and
22 he urged Congress to establish a National Veterans Cemetery in Arizona.

23 In 1967, Bob Stump was elected to the Arizona State Senate, where he
24 served as a member of the highways and transportation, state government and
25 county and municipal affairs committees, vice chairman of the agriculture and
26 livestock committee, minority whip, minority leader and, during the
27 thirty-second legislature in 1975 and 1976, president of the Senate.

28 Congressman Stump continued his service to the state when he was
29 elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1976 representing
30 Arizona's third congressional district in the 95th Congress. He was reelected
31 to serve thirteen consecutive congressional terms.

32 While one of the most senior members of Congress, Congressman Stump
33 never forgot his Arizona roots and the values of honesty, integrity and hard
34 work he learned from a lifetime of farming. His service reflected his
35 dedication to the people of Arizona and his voting record strongly reflected
36 his dedication to promoting individual liberty and personal responsibility, a
37 strong national defense, a better-not-bigger government and unwavering
38 support for the free enterprise system.

39 Congressman Stump served on the House committees on public works and
40 transportation, armed services, intelligence and veterans' affairs, and he is
41 one of the few in the history of the United States House to have served as
42 chairman of both the House veterans' affairs committee and the House armed
43 services committee. He served as chairman of the veterans' affairs committee
44 from 1995 to 2001, gaining a reputation as an outspoken advocate and
45 supporter of our nation's veterans and earning him the prestigious "Lone

1 Sailor” award, the AMVETS Silver Helmet Congressional Award, the Legislator
2 of the Year Award from the Vietnam Veterans Association and the Distinguished
3 Public Service Award from the American Legion. In addition, Congressman
4 Stump will be the only member of Congress to have a street in Arlington
5 National Cemetery named after him in recognition of his service to veterans.

6 Congressman Stump, as a longtime member of the House armed services
7 committee, was influential in the Reagan-era rebuilding of our national
8 defense and was an early and persistent advocate of the technological
9 advances that have come to characterize the United States military. Later,
10 as chairman of the armed services committee, he introduced and secured
11 passage of landmark legislation establishing a World War II memorial on the
12 National Mall and was honored with the naming of the annual defense bill as
13 the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2003 in recognition
14 of his longtime support of our national defense and the men and women who
15 serve in uniform.

16 Congressman Stump was the proud father of his daughter, Karen Stump,
17 his sons, Dr. Bob Stump and Dr. Bruce Stump, and his five grandchildren,
18 Britt, Morgan, Bailey, Sara and Robert Patrick. He spent nearly thirty
19 joyous years with his longtime friend, companion and wife, Nancy Stump.

20 Congressman Stump, who remained humbled by the high honor of
21 representing the people of Arizona in Congress, retired at the conclusion of
22 the 107th Congress on January 2, 2003 after forty-four years of continuous
23 service as an elected public servant.

24 On June 20, 2003, Congressman Stump passed away from a terminal
25 illness. He will be greatly missed by his family, his many friends and
26 colleagues and the citizens of the State of Arizona.

27 Therefore

28 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the
29 Senate concurring:

30 That the Members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of the
31 Honorable Bob Stump and extend their deepest sympathies to his family and
32 many friends.