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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2004

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE NATHAN BOYD TENNEY.

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1 The Honorable Nathan Boyd Tenney died on December 6, 2005 at the age of
2 ninety.

3 Born on June 22, 1915 in Stanley, Arizona, Boyd Tenney spend his early
4 childhood in southeastern Arizona, the fifth of ten children born to Nathan
5 and Myrtle Tenney. The family moved to Prescott in 1925 after droughts and
6 other hardships hurt his father's goat and cattle businesses. A motivated
7 worker from an early age, Boyd Tenney herded goats for his father, and during
8 the school year he sold local newspapers. Following his graduation from
9 Prescott High School, he continued to help his father in the goat business.
10 He served as a full-time missionary in the Mexican and Spanish American
11 Missions from 1934 to 1936, teaching in Texas, Colorado and New Mexico, a
12 task for which he learned Spanish.

13 Boyd Tenney married Rachel Teeple in the LDS temple in Salt Lake City
14 in 1939 and they settled in Prescott, where they raised six sons and two
15 daughters and welcomed into their home approximately thirty other individuals
16 who were in need of a temporary place to live. He worked in several
17 different businesses before buying the same ranch his father had started out
18 in 1925. He also bought a feed store, and his hard work and long hours
19 brought success and prosperity to both endeavors.

20 In 1962, Boyd Tenney embarked on a twenty-year record of public service
21 with the Arizona legislature. He served one term in the House of
22 Representatives before being elected to the Senate, where he served nine
23 terms. He ably served his constituents in this capacity, working diligently
24 on behalf of educational and rural issues. He was instrumental in bringing
25 the London Bridge to Arizona and played a vital role in establishing various
26 state parks, museums and historical societies, including the Arizona
27 Pioneers' Home, Yavapai College and the Sharlot Hall Museum. Known as a
28 consensus builder, Senator Tenney was known as a hard-working and dependable
29 public servant and he earned the respect and admiration of individuals on
30 both sides of the political aisle.

31 Despite the demands of his ranching and business endeavors and his
32 legislative service, Boyd Tenney gave freely of his time, energy and efforts
33 on behalf of such worthwhile community organizations as the PTA, 4-H and the
34 Cub Scouts. He served on the boards of the Sharlot Hall Museum and Yavapai
35 College, and served on the Arizona Livestock Board. In recognition of his
36 tremendous record of service, Boyd Tenney was honored by such groups as the
37 state Future Farmers of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Sharlot
38 Hall Museum, and the Yavapai College Board named its library the Boyd Tenney
39 Library in honor of his many contributions to that facility.

40 Boyd Tenney is greatly missed by his family and many friends as well as
41 the citizens of Prescott and the State of Arizona.

42 Therefore

43 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona:

44 That the Members of the the House of Representatives sincerely regret
45 the passing of the Honorable Nathan Boyd Tenney and extend their deepest
46 sympathies to his surviving family members.