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Mr. Porter was born of pioneer parents in a log cabin in Heber, Arizona. The first half of his life was spent in the small mountain communities of central Arizona where he worked for the United States Forest Service and operated businesses ranging from retail stores to sawmills. In 1939, he and his family moved to Mesa which was to be his home for the remainder of his life.

Mr. Porter engaged in many successful business enterprises including an auto dealership, ranching and cattle feeding, insurance, real estate and residential, commercial, school and governmental construction. He was active in business and civic associations including being a founding member of the Multiple Listing Service and the Mesa-Tempe-Chandler Board of Realtors, member of the State Real Estate Board, president of the Southside Real Estate Board and member of the board of directors of the Mesa Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Porter was a pleasant and sincere friend to all who knew him and a devoted husband and father. Further, he was a responsible and contributing member of the community who gave generously of his time, effort and resources as a founding director of the Mesa YMCA, a charter member of the Mesa Sertoma Club and member of numerous other civic and service organizations. Mr. Porter was active and prominent in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, serving as Bishop of the Mesa Second Ward and High Councilor in the Mesa Stake.

In 1953, Mr. Porter was appointed to serve in the Legislature upon the demise of Elijah Allen and he became a pillar in the Legislature and the Republican Party. His service began in the House of Representatives with the Twenty-first Legislature, First Special Session and continued through 1966 when he was elected to the Senate. He served four years in the Senate and, during the Twenty-ninth Legislature, was President of the Senate.

Therefore

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

That the members of the Legislature sincerely regret the passing of the Honorable William S. Porter and extend their sympathy and condolences to his widow Hilda and the members of his family.

Unanimously Adopted by the House, January 19, 1981.

Unanimously Adopted by the Senate, January 19, 1981.

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JESSE A. UDALL

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2016

A concurrent resolution on the death of the Honorable Jesse A. Udall.

Jesse A. Udall, a former Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court and former member of the Arizona House of Representatives, died in Phoenix on May 11, 1980 at the age of eighty-six.

Jesse Udall was born near Eagar, in Apache County on June 24, 1893. He was one of seven sons of Arizona pioneer David K. Udall and Ida Hunt Udall. He was the uncle of Representative Morris K. Udall and former Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall.

Mr. Udall served as an Army ambulance driver in France during World War I and was graduated from the University of Arizona Law School in 1924. He was elected County Attorney of Graham County in 1925 and, having made an excellent record there, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1930 for the Tenth Legislature.

During the Tenth and Eleventh Legislatures Mr. Udall served with distinction on the Agriculture and Irrigation Committee, the County and County Offices Committee

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and the House Select Committee on Tax Revision. As a legislator he directed his efforts toward school financing and county government. He was also interested in legislation relating to building and loan associations.

In 1939 he became a Graham County Superior Court judge. He resigned from the bench in 1942 to serve in the Judge Advocate Department in the Army in World War II and later served as Chief of the Army Internal Security Division's Review Section in Washington, D. C. In 1945 he resumed private law practice in Safford.

In 1952 Governor Howard Pyle appointed him to fill a vacancy on the Graham County Superior Court. He was elected to a full term in 1954 and continued to serve as a judge until 1958. While preparing to seek reelection he accepted the call of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to serve as President of its California Mission, which at that time included a portion of Southern California and all of Arizona, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

While still actively engaged in church service in 1960, Governor Paul Fannin appointed him to fill a vacancy on the Arizona Supreme Court caused by the death of his brother Levi. Jesse Udall served capably on the highest state court bench and was selected by his judicial colleagues to serve as Chief Justice of the court in both 1964 and 1969.

Jesse Udall was one of three brothers who became Arizona judges. Levi had served as Superior Court judge in Apache County before his election to the Supreme Court. Don T. was a Superior Court judge in Navajo County for a number of years. Another brother, John H., served in the legislature and was Mayor of Phoenix.

Jesse Udall resigned from the high court in January 1972 because of the illness of his wife, to whom he wanted to devote his time and energies. He had married Lela on June 7, 1917 and they were the proud parents of six children, Jessica Udall Smith, Mesa; Addison Richard Udall, Merced, California; Lee Kenyon Udall, Thatcher; Lela Lee Udall Flaherty, Gilbert; Mary Louise Udall Palmer, Indianapolis, Indiana; and David K. Udall, Mesa.

A lifelong member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he served as bishop of the Thatcher Ward, president for fifteen years of the St. Joseph Stake in Thatcher, and was patriarch of the Tempe Stake at the time of his death.

Mr. Udall was active in many civic affairs. He helped organize the Three G Council of the Boy Scouts of America and received their esteemed Silver Beaver award. He served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Gila College, which became Eastern Arizona Junior College. He was president of the Safford Club and an active member in the American Legion and Rotary International.

He is survived by his second wife Lillian, six children, six stepchildren, his brother Gilbert, sixty-seven grandchildren and fifty-nine great grandchildren.

Jesse A. Udall served a long and dedicated career as a public servant for the people of Arizona. He will be long remembered and dearly missed by his family and many friends and associates.

Therefore

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

That the Legislature of the State of Arizona sincerely regrets the death of the Honorable Jesse A. Udall and extends condolences to his widow and members of his family.

Unanimously Adopted by the House, April 20, 1981.

Unanimously Adopted by the Senate, April 20, 1981.

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