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### **A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL**

**URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO OPEN ADDITIONAL FARM SERVICE AGENCY OFFICES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture and the  
2 Administrator of the Farm Service Agency of the United States  
3 Department of Agriculture:  
4 Your memorialist respectfully represents:  
5 Whereas, farming and ranching are integral components for Arizona's  
6 economy, especially in rural counties; and  
7 Whereas, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs  
8 are a critical part of the economic network that supports farming and  
9 ranching in Arizona; and  
10 Whereas, government should be responsive to the diverse needs of the  
11 public, including the needs of rural, disadvantaged and underserved  
12 communities; and  
13 Whereas, Arizona is a large and diverse state, and the needs of  
14 Arizona farmers and ranchers can be as varied as the unique lands where  
15 they labor; and  
16 Whereas, some Arizona farmers and ranchers live over three hours  
17 away from the nearest USDA Farm Service Agency office, making it difficult  
18 to access important government services.  
19 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of  
20 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:  
21 1. That the Farm Service Agency of the United States Department of  
22 Agriculture evaluate the current locations of its Arizona offices to  
23 determine where additional Farm Service Agency offices are needed.  
24 2. That the Farm Service Agency of the United States Department of  
25 Agriculture evaluate how it could better support all of Arizona's farmers  
26 and ranchers by locating Farm Service Agency offices closer to farmers and  
27 ranchers.  
28 3. That the Farm Service Agency open additional offices where  
29 needed, including in Globe, Arizona.  
30 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit  
31 copies of this Memorial to the Secretary of the United States Department  
32 of Agriculture and the Administrator of the Farm Service Agency of the  
33 United States Department of Agriculture.