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A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF MATTIE "FAY" G. LISK.

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1 Mattie "Fay" G. Lisk passed away at the age of 90 on May 19, 2022 in
2 Globe, Arizona surrounded by friends and family.

3 Born along with her twin brother, Ray, in Magdalena, New Mexico on
4 May 5, 1932 to William Townsend and Julia Esterleen Griffay, Mattie Fay
5 Griffay grew up on various ranches across central New Mexico. When she
6 was 13, she witnessed the first atomic bomb test from her family's ranch,
7 which was located only 35 miles north of the testing site. She knew she
8 had witnessed history, but at the time she had no idea what she had
9 actually seen.

10 Fay met her husband, Thomas Neil Lisk, on a blind date, and they
11 were married on March 19, 1955 in Socorro, New Mexico and soon moved to
12 Globe, Arizona. They settled down in Central Heights, Arizona where they
13 lived and raised their family for the next 45 years. In 2000, she and
14 Tommy moved to Top-of-the-World in central Arizona. There they found
15 peace and joy living on their acreage, a place Fay referred to as her
16 "paradise."

17 While raising her children, Fay made sure they faithfully attended
18 church at the River of Life Pentecostal Church in Central Heights. She
19 was a beloved servant of the Lord and worked tirelessly as a mother of
20 five, a wife, an accountant and a 4-H and scouting leader. Fay was a
21 member of the Rebekahs and Odd Fellow Lodge and the National Rifle
22 Association, the latter where she served as a gun safety
23 instructor. Always giving and never too tired to make a meal at any time
24 of day, she opened her home and her dinner table to countless friends and
25 neighbors and anyone in need.

26 Fay had several passions, including cooking, sewing, 4-H and
27 scouting, but her biggest passions were for the outdoors and family
28 hunting trips. Over her lifetime, she harvested turkeys, deer, elk, bear
29 and antelope. In 2015, at the age of 84, she harvested a desert bighorn
30 sheep, and this year, 90 days before her 90th birthday, she bagged a large
31 oryx in New Mexico with a 409-yard shot. Those hunting trips will forever
32 be cherished and happy memories for Fay's family and friends.

33 Faithful to God and her family until her last breath, Fay is
34 preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, her daughter, Edna, her twin
35 brother, Ray, and her sisters, Laura and Audrey. She is survived by her
36 daughter, Fawn, her sons, Thomas, Michael and Christopher, and her 24
37 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

38 Therefore

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

40 That the Members of the House of Representatives sincerely regret
41 the passing of Fay G. Lisk and extend their most sincere sympathies to her
42 many surviving family members and friends.