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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

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

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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.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE FEBRUARY 23, 2022.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 31, 2022.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 4, 2022.