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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENSURE THAT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE REMAINS INDEPENDENT.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, Congress has constitutional authority to establish post
4 offices and post roads; and

5 Whereas, federal law states that the function of the United States
6 Postal Service (USPS) is to "provide postal services to bind the Nation
7 together through the personal, educational, literary, and business
8 correspondence of the people," and that the USPS must provide dependable,
9 consistent and prompt services to all communities across the nation; and

10 Whereas, the USPS is a self-sustaining, independent establishment
11 that does not receive taxpayer funding and relies solely on revenue
12 derived from the sale of postal services and products; and

13 Whereas, the USPS and its more than 500,000 employees are at the
14 center of the \$1.6 trillion mailing industry, employing a total of
15 7.3 million Americans; and

16 Whereas, serving the needs of 157 million business and residential
17 customers six days a week, the USPS maintains an affordable and universal
18 network and connects the country's rural, suburban and urban communities;
19 and

20 Whereas, the USPS is consistently the highest-rated agency of the
21 federal government in nonpartisan opinion polls; and

22 Whereas, the USPS is the nation's second-largest employer of
23 veterans; and

24 Whereas, postal employees are dedicated public servants who do more
25 than process and deliver the nation's mail. They serve as the eyes and
26 ears of the nation's communities and often are the first to respond in
27 situations involving health, safety and crime in the communities they
28 serve; and

29 Whereas, privatizing the USPS would jeopardize the booming
30 e-commerce sector, result in higher prices and reduced services,
31 especially in rural areas, and cripple a major part of the nation's
32 critical infrastructure.

33 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
34 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

35 1. That Congress take appropriate measures to ensure that the USPS
36 remains an independent establishment of the federal government.

37 2. That Congress reform the burdensome requirement that the USPS
38 prefund its retiree health benefits and enact legitimate, actuarial-based
39 investment reforms for the USPS retiree health fund.

40 3. That Congress not privatize all or any part of the USPS.

41 4. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit
42 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the
43 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of
44 Congress from the State of Arizona.