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Introduced by
Representative Willoughby

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF DARRELL COVERT.

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1 Darrell Covert passed away on June 20, 2023 at the age of
2 sixty-nine.

3 Darrell Covert was born in Phoenix to Jim and Gladys Covert on
4 February 12, 1954. At the age of fifteen, he became the youngest
5 certified mountain search rescuer. He went on to graduate from Scottsdale
6 High School in 1972. From a young age, Darrell was an active member of
7 TARS (Teenage Republicans) and helped with many local and state political
8 campaigns.

9 After attending college, Darrell graduated from the Phoenix Police
10 Academy and joined the Scottsdale Police Department, where he served for
11 three years. Eventually he decided to embark on a path better suited to
12 his talents and became a realtor, just as both of his parents had been.
13 Darrell excelled in this profession and earned many awards, including
14 realtor emeritus status with Realty Executives toward the end of his
15 career.

16 Darrell was widely known for his strong passion for cars, which
17 included racing and discussing cars. With his very first car, a 1967 Ford
18 Mustang, he raced in parking lot slaloms. Darrell later rekindled his
19 love of cars with a 2004 Z06 Corvette and became a national racing
20 champion in Topeka, Kansas.

21 Darrell became an avid supporter of the Republican Party and helped
22 with Newt Gingrich's congressional campaign. He was a delegate to the
23 2016 National Republican Convention. Darrell went on to serve as chairman
24 of Legislative District 17 from November 2019 to March 2022, and he
25 continued in that role from March 2022 to November 2022 after the district
26 became Legislative District 13. Deeply committed to the principles and
27 standards of the Republican Party, Darrell received the Reagan Award in
28 2020.

29 In March 2017, Darrell was diagnosed with multiple myeloma and he
30 underwent a stem cell transplant that summer, at which time he was deemed
31 cured. However, the illness returned and, despite his valiant efforts to
32 fight, he succumbed.

33 Darrell will be greatly missed by his wife, Rita, whom he met in
34 high school and to whom he was married for forty-five years, their son,
35 Sean, his older brother, John, and his many friends and colleagues in the
36 Greater Phoenix area.

37 Therefore

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

39 That the Members of the House of Representatives express sincere
40 regret at the death of Darrell Covert and extend their deepest sympathies
41 to his surviving family members.