

House Engrossed

death resolution; Honorable Lou-Ann Preble

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION 2008

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE LOU-ANN PREBLE.

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1           The Honorable Lou-Ann M. Preble passed away on May 2, 2024, at the  
2 age of 94.

3           Born to Albert "AJ" and Allene (Mabry) Baumann on September 26,  
4 1929, Lou-Ann grew up in Sumter, South Carolina during the depression and  
5 World War II. She earned her registered nursing certification at Toomey  
6 Hospital in 1948. The same year she met William "Bill" Preble, a United  
7 States Air Force pilot stationed at the nearby Shaw Field, and they  
8 married in December of 1949. As an Air Force wife and mother to 11  
9 children, Lou-Ann lived in England, Greece, Germany and Korea, as well as  
10 Colorado, Alabama, California, Virginia, Hawaii and Arizona. When Bill  
11 retired in 1972, the family settled in Tucson, where they owned Barney's  
12 Casuals, were active in the schools and Saint Francis de Sales Church and  
13 worked tirelessly for the Republican Party.

14           In 1992, Lou-Ann won a seat in the Arizona House of Representatives,  
15 and she served with dedication in this capacity until 2001. Her passion  
16 for health care and her commitment to the unique health challenges faced  
17 by those living in rural areas of Arizona allowed her to effect numerous  
18 positive changes for her constituents. As the Chairperson of the  
19 Telemedicine and Rural and Native American Affairs Committees and Vice  
20 Chairperson of the Health Committee, Representative Preble accomplished  
21 much for the State of Arizona and her constituents. She partnered with  
22 the University of Arizona Health Center to create two programs, the  
23 Arizona Telemedicine Program, which connected remote and prison clinics  
24 with health care professionals at the University of Arizona,  
25 revolutionizing health care access for those in underserved areas, and the  
26 Rural Health Professions Program, which sought to address the shortage of  
27 physicians in smaller communities by establishing rotations for medical  
28 students throughout various Arizona locales. Her efforts to increase the  
29 number of medical doctors and support services in the rural communities  
30 have remained viable, and the Lou-Ann Preble Community Health Center  
31 stands as a tribute to her commitment to rural health care. Additionally,  
32 Representative Preble served on the Veteran and Military Affairs Committee  
33 and worked with others to establish the Southern Arizona Veterans'  
34 Memorial Cemetery in the Sierra Vista area, which allowed veterans to be  
35 laid to rest closer to their homes and families. She also served on many  
36 other committees, including the Government Reform and States' Rights  
37 Committee.

38           Retirement for both Lou-Ann and Bill afforded them a chance to  
39 travel across America and to places such as Japan, Korea and Peru. They  
40 celebrated as their family of 13 grew through marriages, grandchildren  
41 and, eventually, great-grandchildren. For Lou-Ann, there was no greater  
42 joy than spoiling a new little family member. In 2010, Bill passed away  
43 due to complications of Alzheimer's. Lou-Ann stayed in the family home  
44 and continued to volunteer with the Republican Party, attend meetings and  
45 mentor young politicians.

1 Lou-Ann is preceded in death by her parents, AJ and Allene Baumann,  
2 her brother, Robert, and her husband, Bill. She is survived by her 11  
3 children, Bill Preble, Cindy Preble Coleman, Trish Preble, Mike Preble,  
4 Carolyn Jones, John Preble, Mary Preble, Andy Preble, Matt Preble, Kate  
5 Preble and Margie Creedon-Preble, and their respective spouses, children  
6 and grandchildren.

7 Therefore

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

9 That the Members of the House of Representatives express their  
10 sincere regret at the passing of the Honorable Lou-Ann Preble and extend  
11 their deepest sympathies to her surviving family members and friends.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE JUNE 4, 2024.

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