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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2017

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE GENERATION AND USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN ARIZONA.

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1 Whereas, reliable, clean, affordable energy is vital to Arizona's
2 economy and way of life; and

3 Whereas, for over three decades, Arizona's economy has been powered
4 by clean, carbon-free energy generated by the largest nuclear power plant
5 in the country; and

6 Whereas, nuclear power is both clean and affordable, providing
7 millions of Arizona residents with power at rates far lower than those of
8 other sources of energy; and

9 Whereas, as a base-load fuel resource, nuclear power is the most
10 reliable and resilient source of power, providing energy for Arizona 24
11 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year; and

12 Whereas, nuclear energy has served as the backbone of the country's
13 energy supply for over fifty years; and

14 Whereas, in addition to providing reliable, low-cost energy, nuclear
15 power plants have enormous economic benefits, employing thousands of
16 workers and producing millions of dollars in tax revenue; and

17 Whereas, the United States Department of Energy and the Federal
18 Energy Regulatory Commission have cautioned that the premature shutdown of
19 nuclear power plants could jeopardize both the nation's electric
20 reliability and the ability to combat climate change; and

21 Whereas, the premature closure of nuclear power plants would require
22 states to find other sources of energy that are typically more expensive
23 and less reliable than nuclear power.

24 Therefore

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
26 the Senate concurring:

27 That the Members of the Legislature support the ongoing use of
28 nuclear power in Arizona as a safe, affordable, reliable and carbon-free
29 source of energy generation and express their commitment to policies that
30 ensure nuclear energy continues to thrive in an increasingly challenging
31 energy environment.