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SENATE RESOLUTION 1001

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF BRENT WHITING BROWN.

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Brent Whiting Brown died on May 24, 2008 in Mesa, Arizona.

Born on September 9, 1941 in St. Johns, Arizona to Joseph Albert Brown and Elda Whiting, Brent Brown was a life-long resident of Arizona and grew up in a family of ranchers and educators. He was one of the last of a breed of Mormon ranching Democrats from Northern Arizona. He received a Bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, a Master's degree from Arizona State University and a Doctor of Philosophy in political science from the University of Illinois.

Brent Brown was the driving force behind the creation of the Arizona State University Center for Public Affairs and served as its founding director in 1974. He was appointed Vice-President for University Relations by President J. Russell Nelson in 1985 and continued to serve in that capacity under President Lattie Coor until 1997. He worked tirelessly to represent the university's interests at the local, state and federal levels and was especially adept at securing the funding necessary to fuel the university's tremendous expansion during his tenure. Dr. Brown was instrumental in bringing a professional football franchise and the first Super Bowl to Arizona. He also helped to establish the Hispanic Convocation, the Los Diablos scholarship fund, the Morrison Institute and the Arizona State University retiree association.

Despite the administrative demands of his position, Brent Brown cherished his time in the classroom. He taught a Master's program class at Arizona State University each year from 1972 to 2003, and even taught a class at the University of Arizona one semester.

In addition to his stellar career at Arizona State University, Brent Brown also served under Governors Raul Castro, Wesley Bolin and Bruce Babbitt as the executive director of the state agency now known as the Commerce Department. He completed his career as a policy advisor for rural affairs to Governor Janet Napolitano.

Brent Brown loved the State of Arizona and enjoyed studying and teaching Arizona politics and history. He worked hard to make Arizona a better place for all to live and work, but humbly credited others for much of his success. He will be greatly missed by his wife Marilyn, his six children and eleven grandchildren, his other surviving family members and his many friends.

Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona:

That the Members of the Senate express their regret at the passing of Brent Whiting Brown and extend deepest condolences to his surviving family members.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE SENATE JUNE 4, 2008.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE JUNE 4, 2008.