

that the park was accessible and pristine meant finding new and innovative ways to fund the operations.

From its inception as a bold experiment to where it stands now, as a shining model of what public-private partnership can look like, Asta Spurgis has been at the helm. Alaskans will miss her commitment and leadership, but her legacy can be seen in the students who visit and get firsthand classes on natural sciences and the tens of thousands of Alaskans and tourists who get to explore the Chugach State Park. I commend Asta for her lifetime of work in making Alaska's wilderness a more beautiful and more accessible space to explore.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:02 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1567. An act to require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3324. An act to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message further announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

H.R. 2544. An act to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat".

The enrolled bill and joint resolution were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SMITH) has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 9. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status With Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment".

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1567. An act to require that the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of

the Interior submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3324. An act to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2085. A communication from the Policy Advisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Seizure and Forfeiture Procedures" (RIN1018-BG73) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2086. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Domestic Listing, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status With Section 4(d) Rule for Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl" (RIN1018-BF25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2087. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Okaloosa Darter From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-BE57) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2088. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.249 Rev 0, 'Use of ARCON Methodology for Calculation of Accident-Related Offsite Atmospheric Dispersion Factors'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2089. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 5.83 Rev 1, 'Cyber Security Event Notifications'" received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2090. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.28 Rev 6, 'Quality Assurance Program Criteria (Design and Construction)'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2091. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regu-

latory Guide (RG) 4.26 Rev 1, 'Volcanic hazards Assessment for Nuclear Power Reactor Sites'" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 11, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2092. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Inflation Adjustments to the Price-Anderson Act Financial Protection Regulations" (RIN3150-AL01) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2093. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report Describing the Administrator's Use of the Ranking Criteria Described CERCLA 104(k)(6)(C) in Awarding Brownfields Grants"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2094. A communication from the Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment: the Seventh Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2095. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; AK; Revisions to Ice Fog and Sulfur Dioxide Regulations" (FRL No. 10419-02-R10) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2096. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the Coso Junction PM-10 Planning Area; California; Correcting Amendment" (FRL No. 10529-03-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2097. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Revisions to Plan Approval and Operating Permit Fees Rule and Title V Operating Permit Program" (FRL No. 10673-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2098. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Source Performance Standards Review for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces Constructed After 10/21/74 & On or Before 8/17/83; Standards of Performance for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces & Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Constructed After 8/17/83 And On Or Before May 16, 2022; Standards of Performance for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Vessels Constructed After May 16, 2022" ((RIN2060-AU96) (FRL No. 8150-01-OAR)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on August 23, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2099. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division,

Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations; Corrections" (FRL No. 9242-03-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2100. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval of the Clean Air Act, Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Air Emissions Standards for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning Machines; State of Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management" (FRL No. 10498-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2101. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; New Source Review Permit Program State Plan Revision" (FRL No. 10876-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2102. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Bulk Gasoline Plants, Terminals Vapor Recovery Systems; Correction" (FRL No. 10991-03-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2103. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Reasonable Available Control Technology for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone Standards" (FRL No. 11025-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2104. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Rhode Island; Organic Solvent Cleaning Regulation" (FRL No. 11046-02-R1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2105. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendments to the 'Revised Definition of "Waters of the United States"' (FRL No. 11132-01-OW) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2106. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Priorities List" (FRL No. 11235-02-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 6, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2107. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Freedom of Information Act Regulations Update; Phase II" ((RIN2025-AA38)

(FRL No. 5630-01-OGC)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2108. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Pennsylvania; Liberty Borough Area Second 10-Year PM10 Limited Maintenance Plan" (FRL No. 10907-02-R3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2109. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Implementation Plan; California; El Dorado County Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits" (FRL No. 10564-03-R9) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2110. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Approval of the Muskingum River SO2 Attainment Plan" (FRL No. 11047-02-R5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2111. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Texas; Clean Air Act Requirements for Enhanced Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance" (FRL No. 11279-01-R6) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2112. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; South Carolina; New Source Review Updates" (FRL No. 10011-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2113. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; California; San Diego County Air Pollution Control District; Oxides of Nitrogen" (FRL No. 10126-02-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2114. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Texas; Updates to Public Notice and Procedural Rules and Removal of Obsolete Provisions" (FRL No. 10892-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2115. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alternate PCB Extraction Methods and Amendments to PCB

Cleanup and Disposal Regulations" (FRL No. 7122-03-OLEM) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2116. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Standards for 2023-2025 and Other Changes: Correction" ((RIN2060-AV14) (FRL No. 8514-03-OAR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2117. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations" (FRL No. 9242-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2118. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Air Quality Control, Revisions to Particulates from Fugitive Dust Emissions Sources Rule" (FRL No. 9991-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2119. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; WA; Smoke Management Plan Update" (FRL No. 10545-02-R10) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2120. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Texas; Oil and Natural Gas Reasonably Available Control Technology in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Ozone Nonattainment Areas" (FRL No. 10583-02-R6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2121. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Florida; Revision of Excess Emissions Provisions and Emission Standards; Amendments to Stationary Sources - Emission Standards" (FRL No. 10928-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2122. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Bulk Gasoline Plants, Terminals Vapor Recovery Systems" (FRL No. 10991-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2123. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Miscellaneous Rule Revisions to Gasoline Dispensing Facility - Stage I" (FRL No. 11008-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2124. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; TN; 2010 1-Hour SO₂ NAAQS Transport Infrastructure" (FRL No. 11020-02-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2125. A communication from the Associate Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference" (FRL No. 10177-01-R4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2023; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-44. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to support hunting, angling, and wildlife conservation; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL NO. 2005

Whereas, states are the primary caretakers of fish and wildlife through the public trust doctrine; and

Whereas, the American system of conservation funding depends heavily on the financial support of hunters and anglers, who make the largest monetary contributions to the conservation of fish and wildlife through their purchases of licenses and hunt permits and excise taxes on ammunition and outdoor recreation equipment; and

Whereas, the historic uses of Arizona's rivers, lakes, streams, forests and rural lands over several centuries have included hunting and angling; and

Whereas, Arizona has a rich, historic tradition of hunting and angling that dates back to before statehood and continues to this day; and

Whereas, Arizona's wildlife is held in the public trust, one of the core concepts guaranteeing opportunities for all citizens to participate in hunting, angling and wildlife conservation; and

Whereas, Arizona's sportsmen and sports-women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats and to help fund state efforts to provide for healthy natural resources; and

Whereas, Arizona sportsmen and sports-women continue to provide the funding for the AZGFD, which is the primary steward of the state's fish and wildlife resources; and

Whereas, more than 500,000 hunters and anglers in Arizona represent an economic powerhouse with spending that exceeds \$900 million per year and an economic impact of \$1.34 billion to this state; and

Whereas, Arizona's hunting and angling industries are a vital economic driver, supporting more than 17,000 jobs that generate \$314 million in salaries and wages and cre-

ating economic opportunity, particularly in rural communities; and

Whereas, the annual spending by Arizona's hunters and anglers generates \$58 million in state revenue; and

Whereas, AZGFD successfully conserves and protects more than 800 native wildlife species; and

Whereas, hunting and angling provide the financial backbone for world-class stewardship of natural resources through a "user pays-public benefits" approach that represents the world's most effective system of fish and wildlife management; and

Whereas, hunters and anglers must respect private property rights while they are engaged in their hunting and angling endeavors; and

Whereas, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 and is celebrated the fourth Saturday of each September to recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation and to society; and

Whereas, hunting and angling in Arizona are a vital part of the state and local historic customs, culture, heritage and economies. Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the United States Congress respect the historic and current use of Arizona's recreational areas by sportsmen and sports-women, support the time-honored Arizona traditions of hunting and angling, the very backbone of conservation, and respect the administration of wildlife conservation through the sound science delivered by the Arizona Game and Fish Department and science-based policies developed by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

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

POM-45. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to halt the imposition of unrealistic ozone standards on the state of Arizona; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL NO. 2008

Whereas, on September 16, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reclassified Maricopa County as a moderate nonattainment area for ozone limits under the Clean Air Act; and

Whereas, the EPA under the Biden Administration is trying to force the adoption of ozone control measures on the State of Arizona and its individual citizens, motorists and businesses that would devastate the economy; and

Whereas, the main contributor to non-attainment for Maricopa County was the adoption of the 2015 EPA guidelines, which dropped acceptable ozone levels from 75ppb to 70ppb; and

Whereas, multiple studies have shown that higher ozone levels in Maricopa County are being caused by natural events and that external activity outside the state is beyond the scope and control of the citizens of this state; and

Whereas, there is no evidence that any of the control measures being considered, including additional regulations on business, expanding transit, adopting vision-zero zoning programs or vehicle trip reduction requirements will result in Maricopa County reaching attainment; and

Whereas, the Maricopa Association of Governments has issued public statements ac-

knowledging that the removal of all 4,000,000 internal combustion vehicles in the metropolitan Phoenix area would not bring Maricopa County into compliance with the ozone requirements mandated by the EPA; and

Whereas, during the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 ozone levels increased from 79ppb to 87ppb despite the fact that most vehicular and business activity was halted in Maricopa County; and

Whereas, the imposition of fines and penalties or the withholding of Arizona's share of federal transportation dollars by the EPA for nonattainment would be coercive and unfairly punitive to the citizens of this state. Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

1. That the Biden Administration and the United States Congress stop the United States Environmental Protection Agency from imposing coercive and likely unconstitutional penalties on Arizona to comply with an ozone standard that is impossible to attain through any of the control measures being considered.

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

POM-46. A concurrent memorial adopted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona urging the United States Congress to appropriate monies and federal entities to develop solutions to eradicate salt cedars in Arizona waterways; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

HOUSE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL NO. 2006

Whereas, the salt cedar tree, also known as the tamarisk, was brought to the United States in the 1800s as an ornamental plant to stabilize soil and control erosion; and

Whereas, salt cedars are now listed as an invasive species by the United States Department of Agriculture; and

Whereas, salt cedars spread prolifically by both seed and sprouting, congesting thousands of acres of river land in Arizona; and

Whereas, the density of salt cedars creates dangerous conditions by congesting flood-prone areas, impeding water flow and exacerbating the impact of flooding; and

Whereas, by increasing the frequency and intensity of wildfires, salt cedars threaten existing and future infrastructure in surrounding communities; and

Whereas, this invasive plant out-competes native cottonwood, mesquite and willow and displaces riparian and other wildlife habitats by altering the ecology and hydrology of native systems; and

Whereas, each salt cedar tree consumes 200 to 300 gallons of water a day, which lowers the water table and creates large deposits of salt in the soil; and

Whereas, salt cedars negatively impact Arizona's economy by jeopardizing agriculture due to high water usage, tending to obstruct irrigation canals and limiting recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, eliminating salt cedars will sustain precious water supplies, reduce the risk of environmental disasters and minimize structural and ecological damage and loss of life.

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

1. That the United States Congress appropriate monies to the State of Arizona to eradicate salt cedars from Arizona waterways.