

REFERENCE TITLE: Rich Genser; death resolution

State of Arizona  
House of Representatives  
Forty-eighth Legislature  
Second Regular Session  
2008

**H. R. \_\_\_\_\_**

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION

ON THE DEATH OF RICHARD E. GENSER.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Richard E. Genser passed away on February 27, 2008 in Tucson at the age  
2 of sixty-three.

3 Born in Newark, New Jersey on September 27, 1944, Richard Genser grew  
4 up in South Orange, New Jersey. He graduated from Colorado College, then  
5 served in the Air Force before returning to New Jersey where he owned car  
6 dealerships and embarked on a career in real estate. In the late 1980s, he  
7 moved to Tucson where he continued his real estate business efforts. Rich  
8 Genser realized from the beginning of his career that real estate development  
9 efforts must be made with environmental protection in mind, and to that end,  
10 he distinguished himself through a lifetime of working to save the  
11 environment.

12 A lifelong member of the Sierra Club, Rich Genser served that  
13 organization in many worthwhile capacities, including chairman of the Grand  
14 Canyon Chapter and the Rincon Group. He donated his time and efforts as a  
15 member of the group's publications and fund-raising committees. He helped  
16 found the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and was instrumental in  
17 efforts to Save the Scenic Santa Ritas. He worked diligently to preserve  
18 open spaces, protect washes and maintain wildlife corridors. In all he did,  
19 Rich Genser distinguished himself as a dedicated and conscientious  
20 individual, and his tremendous efforts earned him the respect and admiration  
21 of all who knew him.

22 Rich Genser was an avid and accomplished golfer, hiker, mountain biker,  
23 camper, skier and kayaker, and it was clear that he was passionate about  
24 enjoying the beautiful areas of the southwest as well as of Vermont, where he  
25 had recently relocated. His love for life and his efforts as a tireless  
26 advocate for protection of the environment will be greatly missed by his many  
27 friends, his wife, Claire, his father, Lester, his son, Jordon, his sister,  
28 Susan, his brother, Jon, his stepdaughters, Carol and Ashley, his  
29 grandchildren, Zaida, Blue, Hailer and Samantha, and his many nieces, nephews  
30 and great-nieces and nephews.

31 Therefore

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

33 That the Members of the House of Representatives express sincere regret  
34 at the death of Rich Genser and extend their deepest sympathies to his family  
35 and many friends.