



ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Fifty-sixth Legislature
Second Regular Session

HJR2002: Sandra Day O'Connor; statuary hall
Sponsor: Representative Gress, LD 4
Committee on Government

Overview

Requests the United States Congress to accept, for placement in Statuary Hall, a statue of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

History

Statuary Hall was created in 1864 and has expanded to display 100 statues total, two from each state. The two statues from Arizona that are currently placed in Statuary Hall are Barry Goldwater from 2015 and Father Kino from 1965. Each statue is a gift of a state and is placed in a location specified by the Joint Committee on the Library after the donated statue arrives at the Capitol. The Architect of the Capitol is responsible for the preservation and care of the artwork in the United States Capitol ([Architect of the Capitol](#)).

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor was born in El Paso, Texas on March 26, 1930. She grew up in rural southeastern Arizona and worked in various legal positions before becoming an Arizona Assistant Attorney General in 1965. In 1981 O'Connor was nominated and confirmed to the United States Supreme Court where she served until her retirement in 2006. The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute for American Democracy was founded by O'Connor in 2009 where she worked to "advance American democracy through multigenerational civil discourse, civic engagement and civics education." On December 1, 2023 Justice O'Connor passed away in Phoenix at the age of 93 ([O'Connor Institute](#)).

Provisions

1. States that the Members of the Fifty-sixth Legislature and the Governor of the State of Arizona:
 - a) request the United States Congress to return the statue of Father Eusebio Kino and accept in return, for placement in Statuary Hall, a statue of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor;
 - b) instruct the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission, in collaboration with the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute, to organize a solicitation for monies to use for costs relating to the statue; and
 - c) direct the costs of creation of the statue of Justice O'Connor, as well as costs of transportation to Washington, D.C., and any incidental costs, be borne using private monies by the State of Arizona.
2. Directs the Secretary of State to transmit copies of this Resolution to:
 - a) the President of the United States Senate;
 - b) the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;
 - c) each Arizona Congress Member;

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- d) each Member of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress;
- e) each member of the Arizona Historical Advisory Commission; and
- f) the Cochairpersons of the Board of Directors and the President of the Sandra Day O'Connor Institute.