

# State of Arizona



## HOUSE PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, H.R. 687, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, is bipartisan legislation in the House Natural Resources Committee; and

**Whereas**, copper mining plays a significant role in Arizona's economic history and has been the principal output of mining activity in Arizona for over a century; and

**Whereas**, Arizona is consistently a top producer of copper in the United States and the world. Since 1973 Arizona has produced over one-half of the total copper production in the United States each year. In 2011, Arizona copper mines produced 68% of the United States' copper, and Arizona was the sixth largest producer of mined copper in the world; and

**Whereas**, more than ten thousand Arizona residents are employed by the copper mining industry in Arizona; and

**Whereas**, the copper mining industry contributes to the state and local economies. In 2011, copper mining companies in Arizona reported purchasing \$2.73 billion worth of goods and services from Arizona businesses and generated, directly and indirectly, an estimated \$436 million in state and local tax revenues; and

**Whereas**, in 2011, the direct and indirect total economic impact of the copper mining industry on the State of Arizona is estimated to be over 46,000 jobs, \$3.04 billion of labor income and \$4.31 billion of total income.

Therefore

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

That the Members of the House of Representatives report the total economic impact of the proposed Resolution Copper Project in southeast Arizona is estimated to be more than \$61.4 billion over the life of the project, with another \$20 billion in federal, state and local tax revenue, while providing approximately 3,700 jobs.

That the Members of the House of Representatives believe the Resolution Copper Project will make an enormous difference in the lives of Arizonans and, in fact, countless Americans, by creating jobs, promoting sustainable mining operations, harvesting a vital natural resource, protecting critical conservation lands, and revitalizing Arizona's economy.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2013,

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