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COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY & WATER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AMENDMENTS TO H.C.M. 2003  
(Reference to printed memorial)

1 Page 1, line 1, after "America" insert ", the Secretary of the United States  
2 Department of the Interior and the Secretary of the United States  
3 Department of Agriculture"

4 Strike everything after the representing clause and insert:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11           2. That the United States Department of the Interior and the United  
12 States Department of Agriculture develop innovative solutions to control  
13 the proliferation of salt cedars.

14           3. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit  
15 copies of this Memorial to the President of the United States, the  
16 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States  
17 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the United States Department of  
18 the Interior, the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture  
19 and each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona."

20 Amend title to conform

And, as so amended, it do pass

GAIL GRIFFIN  
CHAIRMAN

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