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**Greater Phoenix Leadership Mourns the Passing of Sen. John McCain**

Sen. McCain, who served Arizona for over 30 years, has passed away

PHOENIX, AZ, August 25, 2018 – Greater Phoenix Leadership joins our nation and the countless individuals whose lives were touched by Sen. John McCain’s courageous service to the United States and his commitment to global democracy.

“Senator John McCain was Arizona through and through, and in so many ways represented the best characteristics of our state – he was tough, resilient, innovative, honest, stubborn, empathetic, funny, loyal and a man who stood by his convictions,” said Don Brandt, GPL board chair and president and CEO of Arizona Public Service. “My heart goes out to his wife Cindy and his children.”

“A hero, a patriot, a friend and partner who helped advance Rio Salado when I served as mayor of Tempe, Sen. McCain will forever be remembered as a tremendous example of a ‘country first’ statesman,” said Neil Giuliano, president and CEO of GPL. “His influence will live on, though his presence will be sorely missed.”

After serving our country bravely in the U.S. Navy, Sen. McCain began his public service to Arizona in 1982 when he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 1986 Sen. McCain was elected to the U.S. Senate and remained an outspoken voice for democracy, a strong U.S. military, a partner in the fight to end global trafficking and a voice for those denied human rights around the globe.

Sen. McCain served on the Senate Armed Forces and Foreign Relations committees, and ran for president of the United States twice - securing the Republican Party’s nomination for President of the United States in 2008. Sen. McCain created the McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University to expand global leadership based on security, economic opportunity, freedom and human dignity.

GPL extends our deepest sympathies to Cindy McCain and Sen. McCain’s children: Andy, Doug, Sidney, Jack, Jimmy, Meghan and Bridget.

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