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# Arizona Merchants Association

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October  
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CHARLES B. CHRISTY  
 Secretary

To his Excellency  
 General Alvaro Obregon,  
 President Elect, Republic of Mexico,  
 Mexico City.

Honored Sir:

It gives me at this time great pleasure to submit to you copies of the Resolutions passed at the sessions of the Arizona Merchants Association, which was held at Nogales on October 11th and 12th, and during which time we had the pleasure of being granted an audience by you. I feel that I speak for the entire merchant body of the State of Arizona when I say, that the favor conferred upon us was appreciated, not only from the view point of a courtesy, but also because it gave us the pleasant opportunity to meet and know the future Executive of our sister Republic.

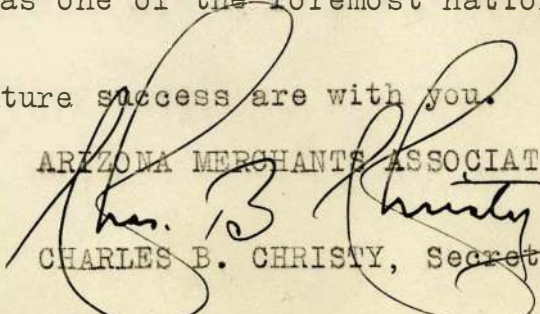
It is not necessary to add that we are all convinced not only of your sincerity and willingness to work for the mutual welfare of our two countries, but we also believe, in selecting you, Mexico has justly raised to its highest office, a most competent Executive.

We heartily applaud your expressed intention of a square deal to everyone, and the announcement of a business men's administration in your country. We, on our part pledge to you, not only our hearty endorsement of yourself and your native land, but also assure you that at all times we are anxious to exert our utmost influence in bringing about closer commercial and more friendly relations between these two sister Republics of North America.

During the future years of your Presidential term we know Mexico will reorganize and reestablish herself in her rightful position as one of the foremost nations of the world.

Our best wishes for future success are with you.

ARIZONA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

  
 CHARLES B. CHRISTY, Secretary.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5  
RECEPTION TO THE ARIZONA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION  
BY GENERAL OBREGON, Oct. 11, 1920

WHEREAS, A special invitation was extended to the members of the Arizona Merchants Association by General Alvaro Obregon, President-elect of Mexico, to visit him at his home in Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, this 11th day of October 1920; and

WHEREAS, Deeply appreciating the honor thus bestowed, the Convention adjourned and met General Obregon at 10 o'clock, pursuant to arrangements made for the reception; and

WHEREAS, In response to a speech of felicitation by President Harry A. Diehl, of the Arizona Merchants Association, and Manuel Escalada, General Obregon expressed his desire for friendly business and social relations, between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, calling particular attention to his belief that the reconstruction of Mexico depended largely upon the business men acting in a spirit of cooperation, and inviting business men to America to enter Mexico and engage in international and local commerce; and

WHEREAS, The Arizona Merchants Association feels particular pride in impressing upon its members the message of General Obregon, to wit: " I am especially gratified in addressing the Arizona merchants in view of the cordial and good understanding, as well as the great commercial intercourse, existing between them and the West Coast States, and take this opportunity to use their worthy medium, to send a message of good will to their co-associates and to the American people, with an invitation to them to come to our country and cooperate with us in the development of our great natural resources;" Now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Arizona Merchants Association extend to President-elect, Obregon, its fullest support and cooperation in fostering and cementing amicable relations to the end that the great Republic of Mexico shall prosper through his wise administration as its chief Executive.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, As business men of the State of Arizona, we have had intimate business and social relations with the people of Mexico and are in close touch with conditions existing in that Republic; and

WHEREAS, Confidence has been restored in Mexican affairs, and in our opinion, President Elect, Alvaro Obregon, is possessed of the ability, courage and integrity and the whole-hearted sentiment of his people back of him to bring Mexico back to a place of high standing among the nations; Now therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED, By the Arizona Merchants Association in annual convention assembled at Nogales, Arizona, this 12th day of October 1920, that the President of the United States be respectfully urged to extend to the Republic of Mexico recognition in order that President Obregon may take office and put into effect reforms for the upbuilding of his country without the serious handicap of non-recognition by the United States;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Association be instructed to send a copy of this resolution by wire to the President of the United States, and a copy to the President Elect, Alvaro Obregon, to the Secretary of State, and to the Arizona Senators and Congressman.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN RESTORED IN MEXICAN AFFAIRS AND THE TIME HAS ARRIVED WHEN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO EXTEND TO THE SISTER REPUBLIC OF MEXICO A HELPING HAND; and

WHEREAS, THE CONTINUED ENFORCEMENT OF PASSPORT REGULATIONS ON THE MEXICAN BORDER IS A GREAT HINDERANCE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF CORDIAL SOCIAL AND BUSINESS RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE ARIZONA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, In annual convention assembled at Nogales, Arizona this 12th day of October 1920, that the Secretary of State be respectfully urged to so modify the existing passport regulations to annul the Vise Fee Law as it effects Mexico and to simplify the border control, if it is not deemed possible at this time to rescind all passport regulations, and that a copy of this resolution be wired to Secretary of State, Colby, and to the Chamber of Commerce of Nogales, Sonora, and to the various Chambers of Commerce along the Mexican Border.

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