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SENATE MEMORIAL 50

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GLORIA G. TRUJILLO AND HONORING HER  
LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE AND  
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Gloria G. Trujillo, a native of Belen and a long-  
time resident of Santa Fe, was a highly respected and beloved  
former senior staff member of the legislative council service  
who passed away on December 9, 2017, a few months before her  
eighty-eighth birthday; and

WHEREAS, Gloria exemplified the legislative council  
service's position that staff were "behind-the-scenes" public  
servants who never sought public recognition of their many  
contributions to the state and the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Gloria began her work for the old state tax  
commission in 1951, learning much about the state's tax

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1 structure from the legendary Franklin Jones and Willard Lewis;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Gloria also worked for the Santa Fe district  
4 attorney and spent several years working for the bureau of  
5 revenue, moonlighting as a legislative analyst during sessions  
6 and working at home to raise her son Patrick for several years,  
7 before coming to work full-time for Clay Buchanan at the  
8 legislative council service in 1966; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout her long and illustrious career,  
10 Gloria served during the leadership of seven speakers of the  
11 house of representatives, six presidents pro tempore of the  
12 senate and nine governors and also served many hundreds of  
13 legislators; and

14 WHEREAS, from her earliest years with the legislative  
15 council service, Gloria demonstrated a flexibility and capacity  
16 to do her job with skill and wisdom, filling many positions and  
17 assignments during her tenure, including secretary,  
18 proofreader, research assistant, fiscal assistant to the  
19 legislative fiscal analyst, bill drafter and, from 1979 to her  
20 retirement in 1990, serving as senior tax policy expert and  
21 senior fiscal drafter; and

22 WHEREAS, for her many contributions to tax and fiscal laws  
23 and to the legislative process, Gloria justly earned the esteem  
24 and admiration of members of the legislature, her colleagues  
25 and anyone in the know about tax policy; and

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1           WHEREAS, Gloria trained each new drafter, researcher and  
2 staff attorney to understand the importance of precision and  
3 accuracy, driven by her deep conviction that it was the  
4 legislature's responsibility to ensure that each statute was  
5 meticulously drafted and received careful consideration and  
6 thoughtful deliberation; and

7           WHEREAS, without regard for her personal comfort and the  
8 long hours required, Gloria discharged her tasks with an  
9 equitable balance of intellect, good humor, warm heart and a  
10 commitment to the highest standards of quality, trust and  
11 responsibility; and

12           WHEREAS, Gloria's unfailing urge to help and her  
13 friendliness to all did not end with her retirement, but she  
14 turned her hand to assisting senior citizens with their taxes,  
15 helping countless seniors through many trying tax seasons; and

16           WHEREAS, she is remembered by the staff who knew her for  
17 her "tax fixes", making sure to catch the missing comma, the  
18 misplaced colon and that an "and" should not be an "or" among  
19 all the "pre-excel" spreadsheet tax tables she created with her  
20 little old-fashioned adding machine; and

21           WHEREAS, she is still remembered as the small but tough  
22 "tax lady" who loved to laugh and smoke, and who also giggled  
23 politely at her husband Adolph's jokes when he came to visit  
24 during the late nights of session, while she set the pace for  
25 all of the younger staff, working late into the night until the

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1 job was done;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
3 OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate the life of Gloria G. Trujillo  
4 and honor her dedication to public service and her many  
5 contributions during her life in New Mexico; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to her son, Patrick Trujillo, and other loving  
8 members of her family.

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