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SENATE MEMORIAL 90

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

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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DAVID A. ORTIZ AND HONORING HIS
LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE AND
THE CITY OF SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, David A. Ortiz was born July 22, 1953 in the
Pueblo of San Juan, now known as Ohkay Owingeh; and

WHEREAS, David died on September 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, David attended Santa Fe public schools and
graduated from the university of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, when David first got his driver's license, he
served as personal chauffeur to former Governor David Cargo;
and

WHEREAS, David volunteered in numerous nonprofit
organizations in Santa Fe, among them, caballeros de Vargas, la
cofradia de la conquistadora and youthworks; and

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1 WHEREAS, David served as a distinguished and dedicated
2 president of the Santa Fe fiesta council; and

3 WHEREAS, David's open heart, helping hands and sincere
4 friendship were extended to all whom he encountered, from
5 homeless persons to heads of state; and

6 WHEREAS, David hosted numerous foreign exchange students,
7 creating goodwill and amity that those future world citizens
8 took back to their home countries; and

9 WHEREAS, David welcomed foreign dignitaries to New Mexico
10 and shared with them the history and culture of la villa real
11 de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis; and

12 WHEREAS, David was a skilled artisan who crafted beautiful
13 handmade, blue ribbon-winning quilts and clothing for his wife,
14 Mary Lee, his granddaughter, Nayeli, priests and others; and

15 WHEREAS, David, an accomplished chef, assisted youthworks,
16 the Santa Fe fiesta council and other groups with his culinary
17 knowledge and services; and

18 WHEREAS, David served for over twenty years in the New
19 Mexico senate with the sergeant at arms, assuring that the
20 senate public affairs, judiciary and rules committees were
21 organized and ready for their meetings; and

22 WHEREAS, David used his masterful voice to prepare the
23 audiences for these committee hearings; and

24 WHEREAS, David will be lovingly remembered by his
25 immediate family members: his wife, Mary Lee Ortiz; his

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1 daughter, Ama Ortiz; his granddaughters, Nayeli and Barbara;
2 and his sons, Eliseo Ortiz (Linda), Angel Puertas (Mabel) and
3 Jesus Gomez; and

4 WHEREAS, David was respected by senators and
5 representatives alike and was seen as a role model for younger
6 staff members, always doing his job with a smile, day or night;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, David served as an historian on the Santa Fe four
9 hundredth anniversary commemoration committee and the history
10 task force, accompanied ambassadors and dignitaries from Spain
11 and Latin American countries and assisted in the final draft of
12 the official fourth hundredth anniversary commemorative
13 publication, *All Trails Lead to Santa Fe*;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
15 OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate the blessed life of David A.
16 Ortiz and honor his dedication and service to Santa Fe and New
17 Mexico; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the family members of David A. Ortiz.