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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING SENATOR MARY KAY PAPEN, SENATOR JOHN ARTHUR SMITH,
SENATOR RICHARD C. MARTINEZ, SENATOR CLEMENTE "MEMÉ" SANCHEZ,
SENATOR JAMES P. WHITE, SENATOR GREGG FULFER AND SENATOR
GABRIEL RAMOS FOR THEIR SIGNIFICANT SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP TO
NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Senator Mary Kay Papen was first elected in 2001
and has served twenty years in the senate representing Dona Ana
county in district thirty-eight; and

WHEREAS, Senator Papen has served on many standing and
interim committees during her tenure in the senate, including
as chair of the senate committees' committee, as vice chair of
the senate education committee and as a co-chair on the New
Mexico legislative council; and

WHEREAS, Senator Papen was selected to serve as president

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1 pro tempore of the senate in 2013 and has served in that role
2 for eight years; and

3 WHEREAS, some of Senator Papen's most notable legislation
4 includes the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act, the Wholesale
5 Prescription Drug Importation Act and Katie's Law; and

6 WHEREAS, outside of the legislature, Senator Papen has
7 volunteered and served on various foundation and committee
8 boards, which has led her to receive numerous awards, including
9 the governor's award for outstanding New Mexico women in 2000;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Senator John Arthur Smith was first elected in
12 1989 and has served thirty-two years in the senate,
13 representing Dona Ana, Hidalgo, Luna and Sierra counties in
14 district thirty-five; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Smith has served as chair of the senate
16 finance committee since 2008, and he formerly served as chair
17 of the senate corporations and transportation committee and as
18 vice chair of the senate public affairs committee; and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Smith has worked countless hours helping
20 the state to maintain a balanced budget; and

21 WHEREAS, apart from his work on the state budget, Senator
22 Smith has worked on legislation for health coverage for
23 unmarried dependents, legislative oversight of the New Mexico
24 lottery and the Learning Center Act; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Richard C. Martinez was first elected in

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1 2001 and has served twenty years in the senate representing Los
2 Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe and Taos counties in district
3 five; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Martinez served as vice chair on the
5 senate judiciary committee from 2005 to 2010 and as chair from
6 2011 to 2019, and he also served as vice chair of the senate
7 conservation committee; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Martinez received the New Mexico mining
9 association's Senator Ben D. Altamirano award for legislative
10 excellence in 2010; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the senate, Senator Martinez
12 has worked on the following notable legislation: the firearm
13 sale background check, use of public water and landowner
14 protection and providing authority to the northern New Mexico
15 state school to develop and implement a teacher education
16 program; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Clemente "Memé" Sanchez was first elected
18 in 2013 and has served eight years in the senate representing
19 Cibola, McKinley, Socorro and Valencia counties in district
20 thirty; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Sanchez has served as vice chair on the
22 senate corporations and transportation committee from 2013 to
23 2015 and as chair from 2016 to present, and he also served as
24 chair on the committee on compacts; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Sanchez has worked on numerous pieces of

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1 legislation throughout his time in the senate, most notably
2 legislation on raising the minimum wage, providing authority
3 for creation of an off-campus instructional center for the
4 university of New Mexico in Valencia county and narrowing a
5 gross receipts tax deduction for chemicals and reagents; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator James P. White, who was first elected in
7 2009 and served as a member of the house of representatives
8 until 2014 and was elected as a member of the senate in 2016,
9 has served a total of nine years in the legislature
10 representing Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Santa Fe
11 counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator White served as a member of numerous
13 standing and interim committees during his time in the senate,
14 including the senate education committee, the senate finance
15 committee and the senate corporations and transportation
16 committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator White is a retired United States air
18 force colonel who served in the air force for twenty-six years
19 and whose experience in the air force influenced his time in
20 the legislature, as exemplified by his work on an aviation
21 gross receipts tax reduction bill for which he received a
22 greater Albuquerque chamber of commerce start to finish award
23 in 2014; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Gregg Fulfer was appointed to the senate
25 in 2019 and served two years in the senate representing Lea and

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1 Eddy counties in district forty-one; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Fulfer served as a member of the senate
3 corporations and transportation committee and the senate
4 education committee; and

5 WHEREAS, during his time in the senate, Senator Fulfer
6 sponsored the engineering and surveying scholarship program;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Gabriel Ramos was appointed to the senate
9 in 2019 and served two years in the senate representing Catron,
10 Grant and Socorro counties in district twenty-eight; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Ramos served as vice chair of the senate
12 Indian and cultural affairs committee in 2019 and served as
13 chair in 2020, and he also served as a co-chair of the tobacco
14 settlement revenue oversight committee in 2019; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Ramos has sponsored various pieces of
16 legislation during his time in the senate, most notably the
17 Tobacco Products Tax Act and the temporary election changes for
18 the 2020 general election;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
20 OF NEW MEXICO that Senator Mary Kay Papen, Senator John Arthur
21 Smith, Senator Richard C. Martinez, Senator Clemente "Memé"
22 Sanchez, Senator James P. White, Senator Gregg Fulfer and
23 Senator Gabriel Ramos be recognized for their significant
24 service and leadership to New Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to Senator Mary Kay Papen, Senator John Arthur
2 Smith, Senator Richard C. Martinez, Senator Clemente "Memé"
3 Sanchez, Senator James P. White, Senator Gregg Fulfer and
4 Senator Gabriel Ramos.

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