

A MEMORIAL

PROPOSING TO HONOR AND COMMEMORATE THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
PADRE ANTONIO JOSE MARTINEZ AND HIS NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO NEW MEXICO HISTORY.

WHEREAS, the life of Padre Antonio Jose Martinez was
marked by many accomplishments in his roles as clergyman,
rancher, educator, journalist, publisher and politician; and

WHEREAS, Padre Martinez was the founder of a seminary
that he later transformed into a law school, institutions
that deeply influenced the history of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the people of Taos, and a wide range of people
from and beyond New Mexico came to know Padre Martinez as
the Cura de Taos; and

WHEREAS, Padre Martinez served the people of Taos for
forty-two years of his life; and

WHEREAS, Padre Martinez's life traversed three major
eras of this state's history: New Mexico as a colony of
Spain, as a part of the Republic of Mexico and as a
territory of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Padre Martinez was a pioneer legislator and
exceptional statesman who, upon his death, was remembered by
the territorial legislature as "la honra de su pais" (the
honor of his homeland);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it honor and commemorate the life

and times of Padre Antonio Jose Martinez and his numerous
contributions to New Mexico history. =====

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