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A MEMORIAL

IN REMEMBRANCE AND RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
LINDA PEDRO.

WHEREAS, Linda Pedro, a long-time advocate and activist  
for disability rights and a resident of Rio Arriba county  
for many years, died on January 13, 2015 at her home in  
Chimayo; and

WHEREAS, Linda was known as a person who spoke  
forcefully about the issues facing those with disabilities  
and facing the poor; and

WHEREAS, Linda spoke with credibility, having been  
confined to a wheelchair as a quadriplegic since a car  
accident in 1966; and

WHEREAS, when faced with having her three-year-old son  
removed from her home because of her paralysis, Linda took  
legal initiatives to change the way in-home care was  
provided to herself and to others in similar situations, and  
she prevailed; and

WHEREAS, Linda's advocacy led to the reexamination of  
policies affecting the poor and disabled, and she was an  
early advocate of Medicaid waiver programs, including the  
developmental disabilities supports and services Medicaid  
waiver program; and

WHEREAS, Linda was an early recipient of that program

1 and never relented in her efforts to assure that it operated  
2 for the overall benefit of eligible recipients; and

3 WHEREAS, Linda had a strong interest in justice and the  
4 well-being of her community, and she involved herself in  
5 numerous activities, including involvement in the formative  
6 years of the la raza unida party and the rainbow coalition  
7 of the Rio Arriba county democratic party; and

8 WHEREAS, Linda led anti-nuclear events and organized  
9 marches from Santa Cruz to el Santuario de Chimayo in  
10 protest of drugs; and

11 WHEREAS, Linda was defined as an artist and created an  
12 art school for children called galeria guadalupana; and

13 WHEREAS, Linda led a spiritual life and had a great  
14 devotion to the virgin de Guadalupe, culminating in a  
15 pilgrimage to Mexico City and the shrine of Guadalupe, where  
16 adherents carried Linda in her wheelchair into the  
17 cathedral;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Linda Pedro be remembered and that  
20 her efforts on behalf of the disabled and the poor, her many  
21 contributions to the arts and local culture and her  
22 dedication to a spiritual life be recognized; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the family of Linda Pedro. \_\_\_\_\_