

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO INTERVIEW,  
3 RECORD AND ARCHIVE A DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVE NICK L.  
4 SALAZAR ABOUT HIS POLITICAL CAREER AND HISTORICALLY  
5 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN HIS LIFETIME.

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7 WHEREAS, Representative Nick L. Salazar has led a long  
8 and illustrious career in the state legislature; and

9 WHEREAS, after forty-six years as a state representative  
10 for district 40, Representative Salazar will retire at the  
11 end of 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar was first elected to the  
13 house of representatives in 1972 in a district that covers  
14 parts of Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba and San Miguel counties;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar is New Mexico's longest-  
17 serving legislator and is among the ten longest-serving  
18 members of any legislature in the country; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar was born April 18, 1929  
20 in the small town of Chamita, one mile west of the Pueblo of  
21 San Juan; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar began his political  
23 career as a commissioner for Rio Arriba county; and

24 WHEREAS, during the early days of his political career,  
25 Representative Salazar was a participant in a historic event

1 that is recognized and discussed to this day; and

2 WHEREAS, in June 1967, during his tenure as a county  
3 commissioner, Representative Salazar was held hostage for a  
4 few hours by Reies Lopez Tijerina in the infamous Rio Arriba  
5 county courthouse raid in Tierra Amarilla; and

6 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the house of  
7 representatives, Representative Salazar gained a breadth of  
8 experience by serving on many standing and interim  
9 committees; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar was the chair of the  
11 house rules and order of business committee and is a member  
12 of the house agriculture and water resources committee and  
13 the house appropriations and finance committee; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Representative Salazar also  
15 served on the house consumer and public affairs committee;  
16 the house energy and natural resources committee; the house  
17 health and government affairs committee; the house health,  
18 government and Indian affairs committee; and numerous other  
19 standing committees; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar also served on many  
21 interim committees as a member and chair, where his many  
22 years on the Indian affairs committee allowed him to travel  
23 and visit with tribal communities and become an even stronger  
24 advocate for Native Americans; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar has been a strong

1 advocate for senior citizen programs and is proud to have  
2 championed this cause; and

3 WHEREAS, Native American issues have been at the  
4 forefront of Representative Salazar's support from the  
5 beginning of his legislative tenure; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar has been a staunch  
7 supporter of education throughout his career, supporting  
8 funding to advance all of New Mexico's colleges and  
9 universities; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Salazar has led a rich and  
11 varied political career and has experienced historically  
12 significant events in his lifetime; and

13 WHEREAS, interviewing and recording Representative  
14 Salazar discussing his political career and participation in  
15 historical events and archiving this information for  
16 posterity would be a valuable service in retaining New  
17 Mexico's history;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural  
20 affairs department be requested to interview, record and  
21 archive a discussion with Representative Nick L. Salazar  
22 about his political career and historically significant  
23 events experienced in his lifetime; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs and

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