

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR JOHN A. SANCHEZ FOR HIS  
3 DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE NEW MEXICO SENATE AND ALL  
4 NEW MEXICANS.

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6 WHEREAS, Republican John A. Sanchez was first elected  
7 lieutenant governor for the legislative term beginning  
8 January 1, 2011 and was reelected for a second four-year term  
9 beginning January 1, 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez was born and raised  
11 in Albuquerque and can trace his public service roots back to  
12 his great-great-grandfather, who was a territorial legislator  
13 from San Miguel county in 1860; and

14 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez began his political  
15 career when he was elected as a councilman for the village of  
16 Los Ranchos and served from 1992 to 2000; and

17 WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2002, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez  
18 served in the house of representatives, representing district  
19 15, which covers the north valley in Bernalillo county; and

20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez serves as acting  
21 governor when the governor is absent from the state, as the  
22 state's ombudsman and as president of the senate; and

23 WHEREAS, while presiding over the senate, Lieutenant  
24 Governor Sanchez has effectively displayed the dignity, poise  
25 and respect befitting that duty; and

1           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez has properly  
2 maintained decorum in the senate over a sometimes contentious  
3 body in a calm and reassuring manner; and

4           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez's treasure trove  
5 of chocolates in the top-right drawer of his desk undoubtedly  
6 provides the source of his good humor and pleasant  
7 disposition; and

8           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez sits on several  
9 boards, including the state board of finance, the New Mexico  
10 mortgage finance authority, the spaceport authority and the  
11 New Mexico community development council; and

12           WHEREAS, as a former business owner,  
13 Lieutenant Governor Sanchez built one of New Mexico's most  
14 respected and successful small businesses, and the firm has  
15 operated continuously for more than thirty years and was  
16 twice honored as the small business of the year; and

17           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Sanchez and his wife are  
18 the proud parents of two grown daughters and reside in  
19 Albuquerque;

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Lieutenant Governor John A. Sanchez  
22 be recognized for his outstanding service in presiding over  
23 and maintaining the decorum of the New Mexico senate and be  
24 honored for his public service and dedication to New Mexico;  
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