

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING LOREN AND BARBARA NELSON AND RECOGNIZING THEIR  
3 OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO NEW MEXICO AND  
4 ITS RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN.

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6 WHEREAS, Loren and Barbara Nelson moved to Silver City  
7 from Minnesota in 2010 and immediately began to work in  
8 numerous ways to the benefit of New Mexicans, especially  
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, Loren and Barbara Nelson were the first patrons  
11 to bring the Dolly Parton imagination library to New Mexico,  
12 establishing a local affiliate in Grant county in 2010; and

13 WHEREAS, the Dolly Parton imagination library has sent  
14 out more than one hundred ninety-seven million books to  
15 children from birth until the age of five, and the  
16 imagination library of Grant county has delivered more than  
17 one hundred fifty-six thousand nine hundred books; and

18 WHEREAS, the availability of books in the home enables a  
19 child's family to read and interact with the child and has  
20 been shown to markedly increase a child's likelihood of  
21 reading well and succeeding in school; and

22 WHEREAS, parent satisfaction surveys in Grant county and  
23 elsewhere have shown very positive results, with families  
24 receiving books spending more quality time reading with their  
25 children, and the children love receiving a book addressed to

1 them in the mail each month;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Loren and Barbara Nelson be honored  
4 and recognized for their public service and dedication to  
5 New Mexico and its residents, especially its children; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to Loren and Barbara Nelson and their family and  
8 to the Dolly Parton imagination library of Grant county.           

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