

A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON
THE PASSING OF HAROLD JOSEPH "DOC" WEILER.

WHEREAS, Harold Joseph "Doc" Weiler, one of the state's best-known and
longest-working lobbyists, died at the age of eighty-six; and

WHEREAS, Doc Weiler was born in Burlington, Wisconsin, earned a bachelor's
degree from St. Mary's college in Minnesota and received a law degree from Marquette
university in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, he served as a United States navy pilot in World War II and
returned to Burlington to practice law for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, he moved to New Mexico in 1960 and became executive director of
the association for commerce and industry, where he remained for seventeen years;
and

WHEREAS, Doc then began working as a lobbyist and was registered as the
lobbyist for Phelps Dodge and Ruidoso Downs; and

WHEREAS, at the capitol, he was described as possessing a voice that a
Shakespearean actor or radio evangelist would covet; and

WHEREAS, Doc helped get the personal property tax on inventory held for
retail repealed, crusaded for worker's compensation reform, helped to defeat
mandatory collective bargaining for public employees, and helped to pass the In-Plant
Training Act, the Pollution Control Revenue Bond Act, the industrial revenue bond
acts, seat belt legislation and unemployment compensation reform; and

WHEREAS, of the role of the lobbyist, Doc said, "I think we serve an extremely

useful purpose as a resource", and, regarding his personal approach, observed,
"What I attempt to do and always have done is to express good, concrete reasons why
a bill should be adopted or amended or killed based on information"; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Mills, Albuquerque journalist, said, "He represented all the
good things we look at in a lobbyist: honesty, integrity and credibility"; and

WHEREAS, he was known as Santa Fe's great legislative compromiser and saw
bills as people instead of as legal writing, believing legislation was alive because it
affected lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be
expressed on the passing of Harold Joseph "Doc" Weiler, one of the state's best-
known lobbyists, and that Doc be recognized for his many years of service to the state
of New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to
Doc's wife, Lena Weiler.