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SENATE MEMORIAL 6

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A MEMORIAL

**EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF
CLEO C. FERNANDEZ.**

**WHEREAS, Cleo C. Fernandez, a resident of Santa Fe, died
on April 13, 2002; and**

**WHEREAS, she was born on October 14, 1905 in Ocate, New
Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, Cleo was preceded in death by her husband,
Congressman Antonio M. Fernandez, in 1956 after he suffered a
massive cerebral hemorrhage on the day he was reelected to his
eighth term in the United States house of representatives; and**

**WHEREAS, she was an accomplished vocalist and entertained
guests at many parties and functions in Washington, D.C., and
New Mexico; and**

WHEREAS, she continued to lead a full life after her

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1 husband's death, singing and painting New Mexico landscapes in
2 oil; and

3 WHEREAS, Cleo is survived by her five children, Anita
4 Hancock, Delores Seelig, Antonio, Jr., Orlando and Neo; her
5 brother, Louis Chavez; her sister, Delia Martinez; her brother-
6 in-law, Edward Fernandez; twenty grandchildren; twenty-nine
7 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and
8 numerous nieces and nephews;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be extended to the family and
11 friends of Cleo C. Fernandez, a loving and devoted New Mexican.

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