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SENATE MEMORIAL 10

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEPH WILLIAM "BILL" FEATHER
TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Joseph William "Bill" Feather was a native of
Artesia, New Mexico, and a graduate of Artesia high school and
New Mexico state university; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feather's distinguished career in journalism
began at the *Las Cruces Citizen* and included a stint as the
editor of the *Santa Fe New Mexican*, but was marked by his
longtime service as the capitol correspondent for the
Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, Bill Feather reported on New Mexico state
government and politics for more than three decades, earning a
reputation every day for accuracy, thoroughness and fairness,
claiming the title of dean of the capitol press corps and

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1 compiling a knowledge of state government that exceeded that of
2 many who served in it and that was something he was always
3 willing to share with colleagues; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Feather served as a critical link between
5 those in government and the people of New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, following his retirement in 1991, Bill Feather
7 remained active as a volunteer in literacy and library
8 programs, animal protection efforts and horticultural
9 activities; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Feather is missed by all and survived by his
11 wife, Pat; sons, Joseph, Robert and Frank; and four
12 granddaughters;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SENATE OF THE STATE OF
14 NEW MEXICO that Joseph William "Bill" Feather be recognized for
15 his contributions to the people of New Mexico.

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