1	SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 1
2	46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
3	INTRODUCED BY
4	Timothy Z. Jennings
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE ON THE PASSING OF
12	JOE SKEEN, FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND LEGISLATOR.
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14	WHEREAS, Joe Skeen died on December 7, 2003; and
15	WHEREAS, he was born on June 30, 1927 in Roswell; and
16	WHEREAS, he represented the people of New Mexico's second
17	congressional district in the United States house of
18	representatives for twenty-two years, the longest service of
19	any New Mexican congressman, and was a powerful voice in
20	congress, never failing to address individual requests for
21	assistance; and
22	WHEREAS, his focus in Washington was agriculture, national
23	defense and public land management; and
24	WHEREAS, he was a member of the house appropriations
25	committee, chairman of the house appropriations subcommittee on
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agriculture and chairman of the house appropriations subcommittee on the interior and was informally designated by his colleagues a "cardinal"; and

WHEREAS, he vigorously supported New Mexico's military installations and numerous issues concerning the department of the interior; and

WHEREAS, he always supported the protection of property rights, encouraging businesses to expand by reducing intrusive government, balancing the federal budget, providing tax relief, improving education and fighting crime; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States navy and the United States air force reserve after graduating from Texas A & M university in 1950; and

WHEREAS, he was the first soil and water conservation engineer for the Pueblo of Zuni and the Ramah chapter of the Navajo Nation; and

WHEREAS, he served on the boards of the New Mexico wool growers association and the New Mexico cattle growers association, was president of the Lincoln county farm bureau and was a member of the American legion; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the state senate from 1960 to 1970 and served as chairman of the state's Republican party; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Mary Helen, his son Mike, his daughter Lisa, three grandchildren and many friends . 149687.1 1 and colleagues;

		2	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
		3	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be expressed on the loss
		4	of Joe Skeen, a loving and devoted New Mexican; and
		5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
		6	transmitted to Mary Helen Skeen.
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