

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE COUNTY OF BERNALILLO TO NAME THE FLOOD CONTROL PARK AT THE CORNER OF BRIDGE BOULEVARD SW AND HARTLINE ROAD SW IN THE SOUTH VALLEY IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF ESEQUIEL "SKIPPY" PADILLA.

WHEREAS, the Five Points area in the south valley is prone to flooding and ponding due to its elevation being similar to that of the Rio Grande; and

WHEREAS, much of the Five Points area is in a flood plain, which creates economic hardship for young families seeking to buy a house because mortgages on these homes require the added expense of the purchase of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla came to Representative Miguel P. Garcia with a large contingency of Five Points residents seeking funding to provide storm draining, sidewalks and curbs in the Five Points area to alleviate flooding and heavy ponding in the area; and

WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla's efforts led to a larger flood control effort in not only the Five Points area but also the los Ranchos de Atrisco area, totaling close to two million dollars (\$2,000,000); and

WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla raised his sons and

daughters in the Five Points area and was a devoted religious leader at the Holy Family parish in Atrisco; and

WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla served in the United States coast guard defending democracy during World War II, retired from the city of Albuquerque fire department as an assistant fire chief, was the founder and president emeritus of the Five Points neighborhood association and was an impeccable community leader loved by all; and

WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla passed away on November 20, 2003 at the age of eighty years old, leaving a large void in the south valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control authority, the city of Albuquerque and the county of Bernalillo be requested to name the flood control park recently constructed at the corner of Bridge boulevard SW and Hartline road SW in memory and honor of Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to those entities who contributed to the funding and construction of the flood control project in the Five Points area and the los Ranchos de Atrisco area of the south valley, these entities being the United States corp of engineers, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control authority, the city of Albuquerque and the county of

Bernalillo.