

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING UNITED STATES SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN OF NEW MEXICO.

3
4 WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Bingaman was born on
5 October 3, 1943 and raised in Silver City, the son of a
6 science professor at western New Mexico university and a
7 public school teacher; and

8 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman graduated from western high
9 school in 1961, graduated from Harvard university in 1965 and
10 received his law degree from the Stanford university school
11 of law in 1968; and

12 WHEREAS, while attending Stanford university school of
13 law, he met his wife, Anne, a successful lawyer and political
14 advocate, with whom he has one son, John; and

15 WHEREAS, he served in the United States army reserves
16 from 1968 to 1974; and

17 WHEREAS, he served as the New Mexico assistant attorney
18 general before owning a private law practice for eight years
19 and being elected as the attorney general of New Mexico in
20 1978; and

21 WHEREAS, he won election to the United States senate in
22 1982 and has served as a United States senator for thirty
23 years; and

24 WHEREAS, he was reelected four times before announcing
25 his retirement, indicating his lasting support by New Mexico

1 residents; and

2 WHEREAS, he is the chair of the United States senate
3 committee on energy and natural resources and the
4 subcommittee on energy, natural resources, and infrastructure
5 of the senate finance committee; and

6 WHEREAS, he serves as a member of the senate finance
7 committee, including the subcommittee on international trade,
8 customs, and global competitiveness and the subcommittee on
9 health care and the senate health, education, labor, and
10 pensions committee, including the subcommittee on children
11 and families and the subcommittee on retirement and aging;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he is a senior member of the joint economic
14 committee, a bicameral congressional committee that studies
15 issues that affect the United States economy; and

16 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman led the senate to pass the
17 Energy Policy Act of 2005, a landmark bill that diversifies
18 the United States' energy supply; and

19 WHEREAS, he sponsored the Technology for Education Act
20 of 1994; and

21 WHEREAS, he is an advocate for educating youth,
22 authoring a law to help low-income students defray the costs
23 of advanced placement exams as well as legislation that helps
24 colleges serving concentrations of Hispanic and Native
25 American students to receive federal aid; and

1 WHEREAS, he actively promotes the health and welfare of
2 all New Mexicans through legislation, such as the energy
3 employees occupational illness compensation program and a
4 package to compensate people affected by the Cerro Grande
5 fire in and around Los Alamos; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman is known for his depth of
7 knowledge regarding public policy, his hard work and his
8 ability to negotiate with both sides of the aisle and to
9 fight for issues important to New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman has served as a role model to
11 many, with his calm, thoughtful and wise guidance giving
12 people a positive direction to follow; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman will be remembered as an
14 advocate for negotiation and a constant source of stability
15 in the world of politics; and

16 WHEREAS, the retirement of Senator Jeff Bingaman marks
17 the loss of a great senator who fought tirelessly for both
18 New Mexico and the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, his representation in the senate will be sorely
20 missed by all New Mexicans;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Senator Jeff Bingaman be honored for
23 his many years of great service to the people of New Mexico;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senator Bingaman be forever

1 welcome at the New Mexico legislature; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to Senator Jeff Bingaman. _____

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