

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF
3 INEZ BUSHNER GILL AND MARALYN BUDKE BY APPROVING THE
4 PLACEMENT OF A NEW MEXICO HISTORIC WOMEN'S MARKER AT THE
5 STATE CAPITOL.

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7 WHEREAS, Inez Bushner Gill and Maralyn Budke dedicated
8 their professional careers to New Mexico state government
9 and, ultimately, to the people of New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, during nearly thirty years of state employment,
11 Inez was a moving force in the modernization of state
12 government, helping to develop many of the fiscal procedures
13 now governing state taxation and revenue, school finance and
14 public indebtedness and also helping the legislature better
15 understand the financial needs of state government; and

16 WHEREAS, her fiscal expertise influenced governors,
17 legislators and journalists; and

18 WHEREAS, Inez, recognizing the need to develop young
19 people's interest in careers in government service, worked
20 tirelessly to establish the first student intern program; and

21 WHEREAS, when the legislative council service was
22 founded in 1951, Mrs. Gill, one of the original four
23 staffers, became the assistant director, and she wrote the
24 first comprehensive index to revenue sources imposed by the
25 state, authored legislative publications and drafted

1 legislation, including the creation of the state records
2 center and archives, the State Purchasing Act of 1967 and
3 other important government, tax and finance legislation; and

4 WHEREAS, while at the legislative council service,
5 Inez Gill helped with the creation of the department of
6 finance and administration and was the midwife of the
7 legislative finance committee, serving as its first
8 legislative fiscal analyst and principal staff for eight
9 years before working to see that the committee was given
10 staff separate from the legislative council service; and

11 WHEREAS, as the key staff person for the legislative
12 finance committee, Inez served as the boss and mentor of the
13 equally legendary and incomparable Maralyn Budke, who began
14 her career as an intern for Mrs. Gill; and

15 WHEREAS, Maralyn began her legislative career as an
16 assistant fiscal analyst with the legislative finance
17 committee when it was still under the legislative council
18 service, and when it was created as a separate committee with
19 its own staff, Inez stayed with the legislative council
20 service while Maralyn moved to the position of executive
21 secretary to the legislative finance committee until she was
22 recruited by Governor David Cargo to work on his staff; and

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Budke later rejoined the legislative
24 finance committee staff as its director, serving in that
25 position for fourteen years until her retirement in 1982,

1 during which time she worked tirelessly to ensure each year's
2 state budget was balanced and affordable, proving herself to
3 be a brilliant strategist and consummate professional in
4 implementing independent legislative fiscal oversight and
5 committee processes that are still in place; and

6 WHEREAS, after her initial retirement, Ms. Budke
7 returned to state government as Governor Garrey Carruthers'
8 chief of staff, receiving an initial salary of one dollar
9 (\$1.00) a year; and

10 WHEREAS, during Maralyn's tenure with the legislative
11 finance committee, the state's first motor pool was
12 established, control of the state's hospitals was
13 consolidated and the university of New Mexico school of
14 medicine and the university hospital were created; and

15 WHEREAS, Maralyn's last service to the state was serving
16 as the chair of the higher education funding formula task
17 force; and

18 WHEREAS, Inez and Maralyn are considered to have been
19 two of the most important and influential women ever to serve
20 in New Mexico government, always displaying the highest
21 principles and ethical standards; and

22 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the contributions of these
23 two women to the state and the residents of New Mexico be
24 recognized by the placement of a New Mexico women's historic
25 marker on the state capitol grounds, the funding of which

1 will be raised through the New Mexico women's forum; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislative council policies require
3 that the placement of such an historic marker be approved by
4 a two-thirds' vote in each house upon the recommendation of
5 the capitol recognition subcommittee; and

6 WHEREAS, that subcommittee met in 2012 and approved the
7 placement of the historic marker on the state capitol
8 grounds, reserving the right to group the marker with similar
9 tributes to others at a later date;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the historic marker recognizing
12 Inez Bushner Gill and Maralyn Budke as New Mexico historic
13 women be placed on the state capitol grounds;

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all efforts be made to hold
15 the unveiling ceremony on March 8, 2013, which is
16 "International Women's Day".