

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF RALPH KINER, A HALL OF  
3 FAME BASEBALL PLAYER AND A NEW MEXICO ORIGINAL.

4  
5 WHEREAS, major league baseball hall of fame player  
6 Ralph McPherran Kiner was born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, and  
7 served honorably as a United States navy pilot during World  
8 War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Santa Rita is a ghost town in Grant county and  
10 is the site of the El Chino copper mine; and

11 WHEREAS, Kiner played outfield for the Pittsburgh  
12 Pirates, Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians from 1946 through  
13 1955; and

14 WHEREAS, after injuries forced his retirement from  
15 active play after ten seasons, Ralph Kiner served as an  
16 announcer for the Chicago White Sox and the New York Mets,  
17 announcing for the Mets from the team's inception until his  
18 death on February 6, 2014; and

19 WHEREAS, Kiner was a powerful slugger, led all of major  
20 league baseball in home runs six times and retired with three  
21 hundred sixty-nine career home runs; and

22 WHEREAS, Ralph spent eight decades as a baseball player,  
23 executive and broadcaster; and

24 WHEREAS, Kiner was inducted into the baseball hall of  
25 fame in 1975, the only player to be voted in that year; and

