

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REMEMBERING AND HONORING AMBROSE F. DURAN, JR.

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4 WHEREAS, Ambrose F. Duran, Jr., was a dignified and true
5 gentleman with many delightful layers and a colorful spirit;
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7 WHEREAS, Ambrose was born on November 16, 1925 in the
8 very house that he proudly called home his entire life,
9 located in historic downtown Santa Fe; and

10 WHEREAS, Ambrose always approached life with vigor; and

11 WHEREAS, Ambrose first demonstrated the ultimate
12 fortitude when he was called upon in 1944 to join the United
13 States army, where he eventually served with great dignity in
14 the sixty-sixth division, field artillery, in France and
15 Germany during World War II; and

16 WHEREAS, Ambrose returned home to Santa Fe after the war
17 to graduate from St. Michael's high school and then exhibited
18 an unrivaled work ethic and continued to work nearly sixty
19 more years of his life; and

20 WHEREAS, Ambrose was a familiar face around the state
21 capitol, having worked both in the house of representatives
22 and, most recently, the senate, where he got so much pleasure
23 working and where he will always be remembered and loved by
24 many friends; and

25 WHEREAS, Ambrose was an avid fan of football, baseball

1 and golf; and

2 WHEREAS, Ambrose never missed a Dallas cowboys or
3 New York yankees game, and there were few in his circle who
4 were as skilled as Ambrose at playing poker; and

5 WHEREAS, Ambrose lived for, laughed with and loved his
6 family more than anything in life; and

7 WHEREAS, Ambrose's family was his pride and joy,
8 including his beloved Sarah, his best friend and wife of
9 sixty-eight years, and his six children: his daughter,
10 Linda, and her husband, Larry; his son, Jerry; his daughter,
11 Dolores; his son, Mark, and his wife, Linda; his daughter,
12 Adela; and his youngest daughter, Patricia, who passed away
13 three years ago and is now joined in heaven by her father;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Ambrose also cherished his grandchildren:
16 Larry and his wife, Linda; Brian and his wife, Johanna;
17 Kellie and her husband, Rob; Jerome, who passed away in 1996;
18 Joseph; Jared; and Ana-Adela; and his great-grandchildren,
19 Jacob, Gregory, Sophia and Robbie Jerome; and

20 WHEREAS, Ambrose had a full and accomplished life on
21 this earth, which came to an end when he passed away
22 peacefully on January 12, 2016, surrounded by his loving
23 family; and

24 WHEREAS, Ambrose's family will forever remember and
25 cherish his deep and endless love for them, his inordinate

1 strength, incredible stamina and his constant loyalty to
2 them; and

3 WHEREAS, Ambrose will also be remembered for his
4 elegance, his terrific sense of humor and his charming spirit
5 and for bringing so much joy and enriching the lives of his
6 friends and acquaintances; and

7 WHEREAS, Ambrose surely is watching over at this moment,
8 smiling with much gratification that he is being honored,
9 remembered and appreciated here today with this memorial;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the accomplishments of
12 Ambrose F. Duran, Jr., be recognized and remembered and that
13 he be honored for his life of distinction; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the family of Ambrose F. Duran, Jr. _____

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