

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING SENATOR SUE WILSON BEFFORT AND RECOGNIZING HER
3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, after serving in the New Mexico senate for
6 nearly twenty years and five terms, Senator Sue Wilson
7 Beffort will be retiring at the end of her current term in
8 December 2016; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort, a Republican, was appointed on
10 December 27, 1996 to represent District 19, which covers
11 Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Torrance counties; and

12 WHEREAS, for most of her legislative tenure, Senator
13 Beffort served on the legislative finance committee and on
14 the senate finance committee, where she is currently the
15 ranking member; and

16 WHEREAS, an issue very near and dear to Senator Beffort
17 is helping all New Mexico children get a good start in life;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort has been an advocate for
20 various early childhood development initiatives during her
21 legislative tenure and was the co-sponsor of legislation
22 promoting full-day kindergarten; and

23 WHEREAS, as one of the original members on the
24 legislative health and human services committee, Senator
25 Beffort had the opportunity to learn about the root causes of
poverty and to gain insight into best-practice solutions; and

WHEREAS, Senator Beffort credits those committee
hearings with directing her focus on early childhood
learning, so that at-risk children would have the necessary
preparation prior to entering elementary school; and

1 WHEREAS, as a former small business owner, Senator
2 Beffort has been deeply committed to promoting a pro-business
3 agenda and to helping small businesses to prosper and to hire
4 more New Mexicans; and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort has been an activist on medical
6 issues, particularly in the areas of nursing and dentistry,
7 as well as a supporter of programs at the university of New
8 Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort co-sponsored former Governor
10 Gary Johnson's income tax bills for several years and was the
11 Republican co-sponsor of former Governor Bill Richardson's
12 income tax and capital gains tax reduction bill, which became
13 law; and

14 WHEREAS, another key accomplishment for Senator Beffort
15 was the sponsorship of the renewable energy bill, enabling
16 New Mexico to profit from becoming a major producer of wind
17 energy; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is the proud mother of Sean,
19 who is in the real estate business, and who is the father of
20 Senator Beffort's only granddaughter, Lauren Grace, whom
21 Senator Beffort lovingly refers to as her prized possession;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is also the proud mother of
24 Eric, a cinematographer in Hollywood who recently completed
25 the Harry Potter film promotion for Universal studios; and

 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is the widow of the late Steve
Beffort, whom many people knew and loved; and they sympathize
with Senator Beffort's profound loss since his passing in
June 2014; and

