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SENATE MEMORIAL 72

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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A MEMORIAL

REMEMBERING AND HONORING AMBROSE F. DURAN, JR.

WHEREAS, Ambrose F. Duran, Jr., was a dignified and true gentleman with many delightful layers and a colorful spirit; and

WHEREAS, Ambrose was born on November 16, 1925 in the very house that he proudly called home his entire life, located in historic downtown Santa Fe; and

WHEREAS, Ambrose always approached life with vigor; and

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

WHEREAS, Ambrose returned home to Santa Fe after the war

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1 to graduate from St. Michael's high school and then exhibited  
2 an unrivaled work ethic and continued to work nearly sixty more  
3 years of his life; and

4 WHEREAS, Ambrose was a familiar face around the state  
5 capitol, having worked both in the house of representatives  
6 and, most recently, the senate, where he got so much pleasure  
7 working and where he will always be remembered and loved by  
8 many friends; and

9 WHEREAS, Ambrose was an avid fan of football, baseball and  
10 golf; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Ambrose's family was his pride and joy, including  
17 his beloved Sarah, his best friend and wife of sixty-eight  
18 years, and his six children: his daughter, Linda, and her  
19 husband, Larry; his son, Jerry; his daughter, Dolores; his son,  
20 Mark, and his wife, Linda; his daughter, Adela; and his  
21 youngest daughter, Patricia, who passed away three years ago  
22 and is now joined in heaven by her father; and

23 WHEREAS, Ambrose also cherished his grandchildren: Larry  
24 and his wife, Linda; Brian and his wife, Johanna; Kellie and  
25 her husband, Rob; Jerome, who passed away in 1996; Joseph;

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1 Jared; and Ana-Adela; and his great-grandchildren, Jacob,  
2 Gregory, Sophia and Robbie Jerome; and

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

6 WHEREAS, Ambrose's family will forever remember and  
7 cherish his deep and endless love for them, his inordinate  
8 strength, incredible stamina and his constant loyalty to them;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Ambrose will also be remembered for his elegance,  
11 his terrific sense of humor and his charming spirit and for  
12 bringing so much joy and enriching the lives of his friends and  
13 acquaintances; and

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

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

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