

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE LATE LUIS A. JIMENEZ, JR. FOR HIS  
3 ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ARTS AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
4 NEW MEXICO'S REPUTATION AS A MECCA FOR THE ARTS.  
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6 WHEREAS, Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. was an important  
7 twentieth century American artist who gave form to the  
8 nations's iconic issues through his extraordinary vision; and

9 WHEREAS, his works of art render in sculpture, drawings  
10 and prints the strength and passion of the working class and  
11 celebrate its humanity and the triumph of the human spirit;  
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13 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimenez was born on July 30, 1940, in  
14 El Paso, Texas, and in his early years attended public school  
15 and received hands-on development and training in his  
16 father's neon and electric sign shop; and

17 WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Jimenez attended the  
18 university of Texas at Austin, from which he received his  
19 bachelor of fine arts degree, and continued his post-graduate  
20 studies at the ciudad universitaria in Mexico City; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimenez learned his lessons and values in  
22 this multicultural nation with integrity and uncompromised  
23 passion for truth, and his hard work, determination and  
24 vision drove him to create works of art that speak to the  
25 nation; and

1           WHEREAS, the Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. heritage trail has  
2 been established by his widow, Susan Brockman Jimenez, and  
3 their three children, Luis Adan Jimenez, Juan Orion Jimenez  
4 and Sarah Alicia Xochil Jimenez, to promote a wider  
5 understanding of and appreciation for Mr. Jimenez' artistic  
6 legacy by facilitating access to his works of art and  
7 developing scholarly and educational programs to understand  
8 the nation's collective culture and histories; and

9           WHEREAS, the Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. heritage trail  
10 connects regional culture and history across twenty-one  
11 cities in four states, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and  
12 Arizona, and is a self-guided trail highlighting permanent  
13 installations of the highly acclaimed artwork created by  
14 Mr. Jimenez; and

15           WHEREAS, Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. was an internationally  
16 recognized artist, whose monumental sculpture commissions are  
17 sited in cities across North America and whose works of art  
18 have been endorsed and supported by forty-two cities and  
19 municipalities, including through large-scale sculpture  
20 commissions between the cities and the national endowment for  
21 the arts;

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the exceptional achievements of  
24 Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. and his contributions to New Mexico's  
25 national stature as a mecca for the arts be recognized; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
transmitted to the family of Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. \_\_\_\_\_

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