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SENATE MEMORIAL 88

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE LATE LUIS A. JIMENEZ, JR. FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS
IN THE ARTS AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEW MEXICO'S REPUTATION AS
A MECCA FOR THE ARTS.

WHEREAS, Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. was an important twentieth
century American artist who gave form to the nations's iconic
issues through his extraordinary vision; and

WHEREAS, his works of art render in sculpture, drawings
and prints the strength and passion of the working class and
celebrate its humanity and the triumph of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimenez was born on July 30, 1940, in El
Paso, Texas, and in his early years attended public school and
received hands-on development and training in his father's neon
and electric sign shop; and

WHEREAS, after high school, Mr. Jimenez attended the

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1 university of Texas at Austin, from which he received his
2 bachelor of fine arts degree, and continued his post-graduate
3 studies at the ciudad universitaria in Mexico City; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimenez learned his lessons and values in
5 this multicultural nation with integrity and uncompromised
6 passion for truth, and his hard work, determination and vision
7 drove him to create works of art that speak to the nation; and

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

16 WHEREAS, the Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. heritage trail connects
17 regional culture and history across twenty-one cities in four
18 states, New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Arizona, and is a
19 self-guided trail highlighting permanent installations of the
20 highly acclaimed artwork created by Mr. Jimenez; and

21 WHEREAS, Luis A. Jimenez, Jr. was an internationally
22 recognized artist, whose monumental sculpture commissions are
23 sited in cities across North America and whose works of art
24 have been endorsed and supported by forty-two cities and
25 municipalities, including through large-scale sculpture

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1 commissions between the cities and the national endowment for
2 the arts;

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

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

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