

1 HOUSE MEMORIAL 13
2 55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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10 A MEMORIAL
11 HONORING ELAINE ANAYA AND RECOGNIZING HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
12 TO NEW MEXICO.
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14 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya was born and raised in Hanover,
15 Pennsylvania, but met her future husband in Washington, D.C.,
16 in 1961, when she was working for the United States department
17 of labor and Toney Anaya was on the staff of then Senator
18 Joseph M. Montoya; and

19 WHEREAS, after marrying, in 1969, Elaine Anaya came back
20 to New Mexico with her husband, where they established their
21 home in the Sangre de Cristo foothills and raised their three
22 children; and

23 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya developed a strong love for New
24 Mexico and learned to cook many of New Mexico's traditional
25 foods; and

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1 WHEREAS, although she reportedly did not like politics,
2 Elaine Anaya supported her husband when he campaigned for
3 election as attorney general and later as governor of New
4 Mexico, as well as for United States senator; and

5 WHEREAS, before becoming New Mexico's first lady, Elaine
6 Anaya was a businesswoman who owned electronic office
7 equipment, incorporated, an office supply company, and Accents
8 secretarial services; and

9 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya served as the twenty-third first
10 lady of New Mexico when her husband served as governor from
11 1983 through 1987; and

12 WHEREAS, during her time as first lady, Elaine Anaya
13 actively promoted the arts through museums and was an advocate
14 for early childhood education; and

15 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya was a talented artist in many media
16 and had her work shown in galleries in Santa Fe; and

17 WHEREAS, following her service as first lady, Elaine Anaya
18 continued to advocate for those who were experiencing
19 homelessness, struggling with behavioral health problems or
20 victims of domestic violence or human trafficking; and

21 WHEREAS, although she served the state in many different
22 ways, the most important consideration for Elaine Anaya was her
23 family and her role as mother to her children; and

24 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya passed away on November 9, 2021,
25 surrounded by her family and held by her husband;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Elaine Anaya be
honored and recognized for her public service and her
dedication to New Mexico and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to former Governor Toney Anaya and his family.