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SENATE MEMORIAL 33

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING LENORE NARANJO FOR HER PEERLESS AND DEVOTED CAREER TO  
THE NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE.

WHEREAS, in 1976, the late Senator Matias Chacon had the  
foresight to ask a young woman from Espanola to be his  
secretary for the upcoming legislative session, and she readily  
agreed; and

WHEREAS, when the late senator unexpectedly passed away  
before the session even began, Chief Clerk Juanita Pino felt  
she should honor Senator Chacon's commitment and arranged for  
the woman to be hired as a door attendant by the sergeant-at-  
arms; and

WHEREAS, thus began Lenore Naranjo's illustrious career  
with the New Mexico state senate; and

WHEREAS, once Chief Clerk Pino learned of Lenore's

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1 secretarial skills, she convinced Lenore to return the  
2 following year as a secretary, eventually promoting her to  
3 committee secretary; and

4 WHEREAS, when Chief Clerk Pino realized what an excellent  
5 and valuable employee Lenore had become, she chose Lenore to be  
6 her deputy chief clerk; and

7 WHEREAS, when Juanita Pino retired in 1990 and the chief  
8 clerk position was offered to Lenore, she respectfully  
9 declined, as it would have interfered with her daily tee time  
10 at the golf course; and

11 WHEREAS, when Margaret Larragoite became chief clerk in  
12 1991, Lenore did agree to accept the part-time position of  
13 deputy chief clerk, a post she held for sixteen years until  
14 Chief Clerk Larragoite retired; and

15 WHEREAS, the state senate realized that Lenore was the  
16 most qualified candidate and elected her as senate chief clerk  
17 in 2008, where she has served enthusiastically and diligently  
18 to this day; and

19 WHEREAS, throughout her storied career with the state  
20 senate, Lenore has performed her duties in each position she  
21 has held with integrity, dedication and professionalism and has  
22 proven to be an outstanding leader, loyal public servant and,  
23 above all, a good friend to each and every senator regardless  
24 of party affiliation; and

25 WHEREAS, under Lenore's tutelage and guidance over the

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1 past fourteen years, many members in the senate chamber have  
2 learned how to become effective legislators; and

3 WHEREAS, this is Lenore's last regular session as chief  
4 clerk of the state senate, and her retirement will leave some  
5 very large shoes to fill; and

6 WHEREAS, Lenore is now looking forward to being a lady of  
7 leisure, spending time with her family, golfing with her  
8 husband, Alex, and pushing that button on the slot machine;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
10 OF NEW MEXICO that heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude be  
11 offered to Lenore Naranjo for her many years of dedication,  
12 loyalty and tireless work on behalf of the senate chamber; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that you shall be missed, Lenore.  
14 ¡Vaya con Dios!; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to Lenore Naranjo.