

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER
3 NAMING THE ROSWELL BYPASS IN HONOR OF NANCY LOPEZ.
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5 WHEREAS, Nancy Lopez is an internationally renowned
6 professional golfer and one of the city of Roswell's most
7 distinguished natives; and

8 WHEREAS, Nancy Lopez was born in Torrance, California,
9 in 1957 and grew up in the city of Roswell, where she learned
10 to golf on local courses and graduated from Goddard high
11 school; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1969, at the age of twelve, Nancy Lopez won
13 the first of three consecutive New Mexico women's amateur
14 titles and went on to win three consecutive United States
15 girls' junior/western women's titles in 1972, 1973 and 1974;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, in 1974 and 1975, Nancy Lopez competed as an
18 amateur in the United States women's open; and

19 WHEREAS, in 1976, as a freshman at the university of
20 Tulsa, Nancy Lopez won the association for intercollegiate
21 athletics for women national intercollegiate golf
22 championship and was a member of the United States Curtis cup
23 and world amateur teams; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1977, Nancy Lopez joined the ladies
25 professional golf association; and

1 WHEREAS, in 1978, during her first full season on the
2 ladies professional golf association tour, Nancy Lopez won
3 nine tournaments, including five consecutive tournaments, was
4 named rookie of the year, player of the year and the
5 associated press female athlete of the year and appeared on
6 the cover of the July 1978 issue of *Sports Illustrated*; and

7 WHEREAS, Nancy Lopez went on to dominate the sport and
8 become one of the most iconic figures in women's professional
9 golf, winning forty-eight ladies professional golf
10 association tournaments and being named player of the year
11 three more times in 1979, 1985 and 1988; and

12 WHEREAS, Nancy Lopez was inducted into the world golf
13 hall of fame in 1987, the ladies professional golf
14 association hall of fame in 1989 and the New Mexico sports
15 hall of fame in 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout her career, Nancy Lopez proudly
17 represented the city of Roswell on a global stage, crediting
18 her hometown roots for her success; and

19 WHEREAS, naming the United States highway 285 bypass,
20 also known as the Roswell bypass, in her honor will recognize
21 Nancy Lopez for her exceptional career, her contributions to
22 women's sports and her enduring connection to the city of
23 Roswell and will inspire future generations to achieve
24 excellence;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be requested to consider naming the United States highway 285 bypass in honor of Nancy Lopez; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of transportation._____

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