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2	43rd LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW
12	MEXICO TO THE FAMILY OF GENE GILBERT.
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14	WHEREAS, Gene Gilbert died on August 18, 1996; and
15	WHEREAS, he had served as Bernalillo county commissioner
16	from district 3 since 1988, always as an energetic participant
17	in county government and in the democratic party; and
18	WHEREAS, he was born and raised in Belen and served in
19	Vietnam where he earned the purple heart and the army
20	commendation medal; and
21	WHEREAS, Gene Gilbert also served on the New Mexico
22	veterans' service commission under Governor Toney Anaya and was
23	a major force behind the establishment of a veterans' hospital
24	in Truth or Consequences; and
25	WHEREAS, he lobbied hard for the state scholarship program
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for Vietnam veterans and played a major role in the 1986 expansion of the veterans' cemetery in which he is now buried; and

WHEREAS, Gene Gilbert, a former city environmental attorney, was a strong advocate for regionalism, the gathering together of communities in the metropolitan area to plan and deal with transportation, water and air quality issues; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque Mayor Martin Chavez said each hour Gene Gilbert spent was a pebble cast upon the water and we will never know the full extent of his public service; and

WHEREAS, fellow democrat and Commission Chairman Al Valdez spoke of Gene Gilbert's wisdom and care and how many hearts he touched in the course of his life; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by three daughters and a grandson, his parents, two brothers, two sisters and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that heartfelt condolence be extended to the family and friends of Gene Gilbert, a loving and devoted New Mexican; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the family of Gene Gilbert.

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