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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 2

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE UPON THE PASSING
OF FORMER REPRESENTATIVE COLIN MCMILLAN.**

**WHEREAS, Colin McMillan, a former member of the New Mexico
house of representatives, passed away on July 24, 2003; and**

**WHEREAS, McMillan graduated from the university of North
Carolina in 1957 with a Phi Beta Kappa key and a bachelor of
science degree in geology; and**

**WHEREAS, McMillan served with the United States marine
corps from 1957 to 1962 and was an officer in the United States
marine corps reserves until 1972; and**

**WHEREAS, he came to New Mexico in 1961 as a geophysicist
and started an energy development business; and**

WHEREAS, he was also a banker in the Roswell area; and

WHEREAS, McMillan acted as chairman and chief executive

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1 officer of Permian exploration corporation, a Roswell-based
2 seismic surveying company; and

3 WHEREAS, he was an active rancher and owner of the Three
4 Rivers ranch in Otero and Lincoln counties; and

5 WHEREAS, McMillan served in the New Mexico house of
6 representatives from 1971 to 1982; and

7 WHEREAS, former representative McMillan served as minority
8 whip and as chairman of the house taxation and revenue
9 committee for four years; and

10 WHEREAS, he was viewed as a pioneer in tax reform and
11 sponsored the "Big Mac tax cut" passed in 1981; and

12 WHEREAS, former representative McMillan was a leading
13 political figure; and

14 WHEREAS, he led the New Mexico presidential campaigns of
15 Gerald Ford, Bob Dole, George H. W. Bush and the current
16 president Bush; and

17 WHEREAS, McMillan served George H. W. Bush as assistant
18 secretary of defense for production and logistics from 1990 to
19 1992; and

20 WHEREAS, McMillan ran for a United States senate seat in
21 1994; and

22 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush named McMillan chairman
23 of the Sallie Mae student loan program in 2001; and

24 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush nominated McMillan last
25 year as secretary of the navy; and

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