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SENATE MEMORIAL 3

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

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE PASSING OF  
BENJAMIN "BENNIE" O. MARTINEZ.

WHEREAS, Benjamin "Bennie" O. Martinez was born on  
November 3, 1920 in Chimayo; and

WHEREAS, Bennie died on December 16, 2003; and

WHEREAS, he was raised in Chimayo, the second son in a  
pioneer family; and

WHEREAS, his grandfather was the first postmaster in  
Chimayo; and

WHEREAS, Bennie was proud of being a part of the "greatest  
generation" and of his service in the army air corps during  
World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy and receiving  
the American theater service ribbon, European Africa Middle  
Eastern service ribbon, good conduct medal and victory medal;

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2 WHEREAS, he kept in contact with many of his army buddies  
3 and attended several reunions; and

4 WHEREAS, Bennie was a model husband, father, grandfather  
5 and great-grandfather, and his smile and strong, quiet and  
6 solid presence will be greatly missed; and

7 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his son, police  
8 officer Isaac "Ike" Martinez; his parents, Bonifacio and  
9 Epifania Martinez; and his brother Celedonio Martinez; and

10 WHEREAS, Bennie is survived by his wife, Elizabeth  
11 Martinez; sons Robert, and his wife, Judi, and Ron; and his  
12 daughter, Vivian Frietze, and her husband, Jose;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
14 OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be expressed on the passing of  
15 Benjamin "Bennie" O. Martinez a loving and devoted New Mexican;  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
18 transmitted to Elizabeth Martinez.

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