

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 13, 2006 "ANTOINE PREDOCK DAY" AT THE  
3 SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, on December 8, 2005, the board of directors of  
6 the American institute of architects announced that Antoine  
7 Predock of Albuquerque was the recipient of the institute's  
8 2006 gold medal; and

9 WHEREAS, the gold medal, given annually, is the highest  
10 honor the institute confers on an architect to honor the body  
11 of work of that architect; and

12 WHEREAS, Antoine Predock will be presented this award  
13 February 10, 2006 at the national building museum in  
14 Washington, D.C.; and

15 WHEREAS, Antoine Predock said, upon notification of his  
16 winning the award, "I am deeply honored. In some ways I feel  
17 like my career is just starting; this is the ultimate."; and

18 WHEREAS, Antoine Predock is in select company, following  
19 other winners such as Thomas Jefferson, Frank Lloyd Wright,  
20 Louis Kahn and I.M. Pei; and

21 WHEREAS, in nominating Antoine Predock for the award,  
22 Thomas S. Howorth, chair of the institute's gold medal  
23 committee, explained, "Arguably, more than any American  
24 architect of any time, Antoine Predock has asserted a  
25 personal and place-inspired vision of architecture with such

1 passion and conviction that his buildings have been  
2 universally embraced."; and

3 WHEREAS, Antoine Predock's designs grow out of their  
4 unique landscapes and are born out of his geographic  
5 surroundings, New Mexico and the American West; and

6 WHEREAS, his work includes the famed Turtle Creek house,  
7 built in 1993 for bird enthusiasts along a prehistoric trail  
8 in Texas, the ballpark for the San Diego Padres baseball  
9 team, which reinvents the concept of a stadium as a "garden"  
10 rather than a sports complex; and

11 WHEREAS, he also designed the national palace museum in  
12 Taiwan; buildings at Stanford and Rice universities; and  
13 award-winning buildings such as the Pima community college  
14 learning center in Green Valley, Arizona, the federal  
15 courthouse in El Paso, Texas, the shadow house in Santa Fe,  
16 the Robert Hoag Rawlings public library in Pueblo, Colorado,  
17 and the Spencer theater for the performing arts in Alto, New  
18 Mexico; and

19 WHEREAS, he attended architecture school at the  
20 university of New Mexico and Columbia university; and

21 WHEREAS, he approaches design challenges by "listening  
22 to the land, building with environmental sensitivity and  
23 embracing all facets of a site's culture; and

24 WHEREAS, his spiritual connection to his work is  
25 credited as the reason that he has been a legendary American

1 architect;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Antoine Predock be congratulated and  
4 recognized by proclaiming February 13, 2006 as "Antoine  
5 Predock Day" at the senate; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to Antoine Predock and to the American institute  
8 of architects.

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