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HOUSE MEMORIAL 100

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN ARROYO FLOOD CONTROL
AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
TO NAME THE FLOOD CONTROL PARK AT THE CORNER OF BRIDGE
BOULEVARD SW AND HARTLINE ROAD SW IN THE SOUTH VALLEY IN MEMORY
AND HONOR OF ESEQUIEL "SKIPPY" PADILLA.

WHEREAS, the Five Points area in the south valley is prone
to flooding and ponding due to its elevation being similar to
that of the Rio Grande; and

WHEREAS, much of the Five Points area is in a flood plain,
which creates economic hardship for young families seeking to
buy a house because mortgages on these homes require the added
expense of the purchase of flood insurance; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla came to
Representative Miguel P. Garcia with a large contingency of

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1 Five Points residents seeking funding to provide storm
2 draining, sidewalks and curbs in the Five Points area to
3 alleviate flooding and heavy ponding in the area; and

4 WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla's efforts led to a
5 larger flood control effort in not only the Five Points area
6 but also the los Ranchos de Atrisco area, totaling close to two
7 million dollars (\$2,000,000); and

8 WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla raised his sons and
9 daughters in the Five Points area and was a devoted religious
10 leader at the Holy Family parish in Atrisco; and

11 WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla served in the United
12 States coast guard defending democracy during World War II,
13 retired from the city of Albuquerque fire department as an
14 assistant fire chief, was the founder and president emeritus of
15 the Five Points neighborhood association and was an impeccable
16 community leader loved by all; and

17 WHEREAS, Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla passed away on November
18 20, 2003 at the age of eighty years old, leaving a large void
19 in the south valley;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Albuquerque
22 metropolitan arroyo flood control authority, the city of
23 Albuquerque and the county of Bernalillo be requested to name
24 the flood control park recently constructed at the corner of
25 Bridge boulevard SW and Hartline road SW in memory and honor of

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1 Esequiel "Skippy" Padilla; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to those entities who contributed to the funding
4 and construction of the flood control project in the Five
5 Points area and the los Ranchos de Atrisco area of the south
6 valley, these entities being the United States corp of
7 engineers, the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control
8 authority, the city of Albuquerque and the county of
9 Bernalillo.