

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING MINE THAT BIRD AS "NEW MEXICO HORSE OF THE YEAR
3 FOR 2009".

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5 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird was foaled on May 10, 2006; and

6 WHEREAS, he is the son of 2004 Belmont stakes winner
7 Birdstone, the grandson of 1996 Kentucky derby winner
8 Grindstone and the great-grandson of 1990 Kentucky derby
9 winner Unbridled; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Leonard Blach of Roswell and Mark Allen,
11 owner of Double Eagle ranch in Roswell, purchased Mine That
12 Bird in October 2008 and formed the partnership Buena Suerte
13 Equine; and

14 WHEREAS, Buena Suerte Equine sent Mine That Bird to
15 Santa Anita racetrack to train under Richard Mandella to run
16 in California and in Canada, where he won several stakes
17 races; and

18 WHEREAS, Buena Suerte Equine then turned Mine That Bird
19 over to trainer "Chip" Woolley, Jr., who took the horse to
20 Sunland Park racetrack and casino for further training and
21 racing; and

22 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird ran second in Sunland Park
23 racetrack and casino's Borderland derby and fourth in the
24 Sunland derby, after which he was sent to Louisville,
25 Kentucky, to run in the Kentucky derby; and

1 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird won the Kentucky derby by six
2 and three-quarters lengths, winning one hundred one dollars
3 twenty cents (\$101.20) on a two-dollar (\$2.00) bet in one of
4 the greatest longshot winning efforts in the one hundred
5 twenty years of the Kentucky derby; and

6 WHEREAS, Mine That Bird then ran second in the Preakness
7 stakes and third in the Belmont stakes, bringing his total
8 graded stakes winnings to two million one hundred thousand
9 dollars (\$2,100,000) and counting, as he continues to train
10 for future races; and

11 WHEREAS, the triple crown achievement of Mine That Bird
12 brought the state of New Mexico, Sunland Park racetrack and
13 casino and the New Mexico horse racing industry positive
14 worldwide publicity;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Mine That Bird be recognized as
17 "New Mexico Horse of the Year for 2009" for his outstanding
18 achievement; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations and thanks
20 be extended to Buena Suerte Equine, Dr. Leonard Blach, Mark
21 Allen and "Chip" Woolley, Jr., for their outstanding
22 achievement and for representing the state of New Mexico and
23 providing tremendous positive publicity for New Mexico horse
24 racing; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the governor, Buena Suerte Equine, the New
2 Mexico racing commission and Sunland Park racetrack and
3 casino.

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