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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF PATTY JENNINGS AND RECOGNIZING HER
MANY SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

WHEREAS, Patricia K. Jennings, known to all as "Patty",
was an amazing woman of compassion, wisdom and strength whose
life and accomplishments are well worth celebrating; and

WHEREAS, Patty had a distinguished career as an advocate
for early intervention, special education and health care
services for children and adults with special needs; and

WHEREAS, she crafted the legislation that created the
New Mexico medical insurance pool in response to her personal
experience of being unable to purchase health insurance for
her daughter, Courtney; and

WHEREAS, together with her husband, Senator Timothy Z.
Jennings, she successfully lobbied for a bill to establish a
partnership between the university of New Mexico cancer
center and the university of Texas M.D. Anderson cancer
center to conduct inflammatory breast cancer research; and

WHEREAS, her health care and disability advocacy and her
efforts to enhance access to services for individuals who are
underserved or who have special needs will be her legacy
through the *Patricia K. Jennings Foundation*, which was
established in January 2009; and

WHEREAS, although she was tireless in her advocacy for

1 these and other important efforts, she was first and foremost
2 a wife to Senator Jennings and mother to their five children;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, her children and husband were her primary
5 passions and focus, and they and her parents, siblings and
6 friends were the recipients of her unconditional love; and

7 WHEREAS, her many friends and family characterize her
8 life as one of selflessness and generosity; and

9 WHEREAS, she was blessed with clarity of purpose and the
10 ability to express herself with conviction, and was always
11 working to see justice done; and

12 WHEREAS, she brought compassion and devotion to
13 everything she did, showing herself to be a determined,
14 loving woman whose life was well-lived; and

15 WHEREAS, February 14, 2010 marks the one-year
16 anniversary of the death of Patty Jennings; and

17 WHEREAS, her life and death remind us all to reach out
18 to those less fortunate, to live each day to the fullest, to
19 face each day with optimism and a smile and to leave the
20 world a better place;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the life of Patty Jennings be
23 celebrated and that her many significant accomplishments be
24 recognized and appreciated; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to Senator Timothy Z. Jennings. _____