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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF INEZ BUSHNER
12 GILL AND MARALYN BUDKE BY APPROVING THE PLACEMENT OF A NEW
13 MEXICO HISTORIC WOMEN'S MARKER AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

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15 WHEREAS, Inez Bushner Gill and Maralyn Budke dedicated
16 their professional careers to New Mexico state government and,
17 ultimately, to the people of New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, during nearly thirty years of state employment,
19 Inez was a moving force in the modernization of state
20 government, helping to develop many of the fiscal procedures
21 now governing state taxation and revenue, school finance and
22 public indebtedness and also helping the legislature better
23 understand the financial needs of state government; and

24 WHEREAS, her fiscal expertise influenced governors,
25 legislators and journalists; and

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1 WHEREAS, Inez, recognizing the need to develop young
2 people's interest in careers in government service, worked
3 tirelessly to establish the first student intern program; and

4 WHEREAS, when the legislative council service was founded
5 in 1951, Mrs. Gill, one of the original four staffers, became
6 the assistant director, and she wrote the first comprehensive
7 index to revenue sources imposed by the state, authored
8 legislative publications and drafted legislation, including the
9 creation of the state records center and archives, the State
10 Purchasing Act of 1967 and other important government, tax and
11 finance legislation; and

12 WHEREAS, while at the legislative council service, Inez
13 Gill helped with the creation of the department of finance and
14 administration and was the midwife of the legislative finance
15 committee, serving as its first legislative fiscal analyst and
16 principal staff for eight years before the committee was given
17 staff separate from the legislative council service; and

18 WHEREAS, as the key staff person for the legislative
19 finance committee, Inez served as the boss and mentor of the
20 equally legendary and incomparable Maralyn Budke, who began her
21 career as an intern for Mrs. Gill; and

22 WHEREAS, Maralyn's legislative career began as an
23 assistant fiscal analyst with the legislative finance committee
24 when it was still under the legislative council service, and
25 when it was created as a separate committee with its own staff,

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1 Inez stayed with the legislative council service while Maralyn
2 moved to the position of executive secretary to the legislative
3 finance committee until she was recruited by Governor David
4 Cargo to work on his staff; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Budke later rejoined the legislative finance
6 committee staff as its director, serving in that position for
7 fourteen years until her retirement in 1982, during which time
8 Maralyn worked tirelessly to ensure each year's state budget
9 was balanced and affordable, proving herself to be a brilliant
10 strategist and consummate professional in implementing
11 independent legislative fiscal oversight and committee
12 processes that are still in place; and

13 WHEREAS, after her initial retirement, Ms. Budke returned
14 to state government as Governor Garrey Carruthers' chief of
15 staff, receiving an initial salary of one dollar (\$1.00) a
16 year; and

17 WHEREAS, during Maralyn's tenure with the legislative
18 finance committee, the state's first motor pool was
19 established, control of the state's hospitals was consolidated
20 and the university of New Mexico school of medicine and the
21 university hospital were created; and

22 WHEREAS, Maralyn's last service to the state was serving
23 as the chair of the higher education funding formula task
24 force; and

25 WHEREAS, Inez and Maralyn are considered to have been two

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1 of the most important and influential women ever to serve in
2 New Mexico government, always displaying the highest principles
3 and ethical standards; and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting in this, New Mexico's centennial
5 year, that the contributions of these two women to the state
6 and the residents of New Mexico be recognized by the placement
7 of a New Mexico women's historic marker on the state capitol
8 grounds, the funding of which will be raised through the New
9 Mexico women's forum; and

10 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislative council policies require
11 that the placement of such an historic marker be approved by a
12 two-thirds' vote in each house upon the recommendation of the
13 capitol recognition subcommittee; and

14 WHEREAS, the subcommittee met on February 12, 2012 and
15 approved the placement of the historic marker on the state
16 capitol grounds, reserving the right to group the marker with
17 similar tributes to others at a later date;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the historic marker recognizing Inez
20 Bushner Gill and Maralyn Budke as New Mexico historic women be
21 placed on the state capitol grounds.