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SENATE MEMORIAL 5

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING UNITED STATES SENATOR JEFF BINGAMAN OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Bingaman was born on October 3, 1943 and raised in Silver City, the son of a science professor at western New Mexico university and a public school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman graduated from western high school in 1961, graduated from Harvard university in 1965 and received his law degree from the Stanford university school of law in 1968; and

WHEREAS, while attending Stanford university school of law, he met his wife, Anne, a successful lawyer and political advocate, with whom he has one son, John; and

WHEREAS, he served in the United States army reserves from 1968 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, he served as the New Mexico assistant attorney

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1 general before owning a private law practice for eight years
2 and being elected as the attorney general of New Mexico in
3 1978; and

4 WHEREAS, he won election to the United States senate in
5 1982 and has served as a United States senator for thirty
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, he was reelected four times before announcing his
8 retirement, indicating his lasting support by New Mexico
9 residents; and

10 WHEREAS, he is the chair of the United States senate
11 committee on energy and natural resources and the subcommittee
12 on energy, natural resources, and infrastructure of the senate
13 finance committee; and

14 WHEREAS, he serves as a member of the senate finance
15 committee, including the subcommittee on international trade,
16 customs, and global competitiveness and the subcommittee on
17 health care and the senate health, education, labor, and
18 pensions committee, including the subcommittee on children and
19 families and the subcommittee on retirement and aging; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a senior member of the joint economic
21 committee, a bicameral congressional committee that studies
22 issues that affect the United States economy; and

23 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman led the senate to pass the
24 Energy Policy Act of 2005, a landmark bill that diversifies the
25 United States' energy supply; and

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1 WHEREAS, he sponsored the Technology for Education Act of
2 1994; and

3 WHEREAS, he is an advocate for educating youth, authoring
4 a law to help low-income students defray the costs of advanced
5 placement exams as well as legislation that helps colleges
6 serving concentrations of Hispanic and Native American students
7 to receive federal aid; and

8 WHEREAS, he actively promotes the health and welfare of
9 all New Mexicans through legislation, such as the energy
10 employees occupational illness compensation program and a
11 package to compensate people affected by the Cerro Grande fire
12 in and around Los Alamos; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman is known for his depth of
14 knowledge regarding public policy, his hard work and his
15 ability to negotiate with both sides of the aisle and to fight
16 for issues important to New Mexico; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman has served as a role model to
18 many, with his calm, thoughtful and wise guidance giving people
19 a positive direction to follow; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Bingaman will be remembered as an
21 advocate for negotiation and a constant source of stability in
22 the world of politics; and

23 WHEREAS, the retirement of Senator Jeff Bingaman marks the
24 loss of a great senator who fought tirelessly for both New
25 Mexico and the nation; and

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