1	A MEMORIAL
2	CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF RALPH KINER, A HALL OF
3	FAME BASEBALL PLAYER AND A NEW MEXICO ORIGINAL.
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5	WHEREAS, major league baseball hall of fame player
6	Ralph McPherran Kiner was born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, and
7	served honorably as a United States navy pilot during World
8	War II; and
9	WHEREAS, Santa Rita is a ghost town in Grant county and
10	is the site of the El Chino copper mine; and
11	WHEREAS, Kiner played outfield for the Pittsburgh
12	Pirates, Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians from 1946 through
13	1955; and
14	WHEREAS, after injuries forced his retirement from
15	active play after ten seasons, Ralph Kiner served as an
16	announcer for the Chicago White Sox and the New York Mets,
17	announcing for the Mets from the team's inception until his
18	death on February 6, 2014; and
19	WHEREAS, Kiner was a powerful slugger, led all of major
20	league baseball in home runs six times and retired with three
21	hundred sixty-nine career home runs; and
22	WHEREAS, Ralph spent eight decades as a baseball player,
23	executive and broadcaster; and
24	WHEREAS, Kiner was inducted into the baseball hall of
25	fame in 1975, the only player to be voted in that year; and

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1	WHEREAS, Ralph Kiner attended every hall of fame	
2	ceremony from the time he was inducted until his death, and	
3	his legacy will live forever in Cooperstown;	
4	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE	
5	STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Ralph McPherran Kiner from	
6	Santa Rita, New Mexico, be recognized as a great New Mexican	
7	and for his contributions to baseball and this country; and	
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be	
9	transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the governor	
10	and the New Mexico legislative council	
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