

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 108

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 HONORING SENATOR SUE WILSON BEFFORT AND RECOGNIZING HER
12 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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14 WHEREAS, after serving in the New Mexico senate for nearly
15 twenty years and five terms, Senator Sue Wilson Beffort will be
16 retiring at the end of her current term in December 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort, a Republican, was appointed on
18 December 27, 1996 to represent District 19, which covers
19 Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Torrance counties; and

20 WHEREAS, for most of her legislative tenure, Senator
21 Beffort served on the legislative finance committee and on the
22 senate finance committee, where she is currently the ranking
23 member; and

24 WHEREAS, an issue very near and dear to Senator Beffort is
25 helping all New Mexico children get a good start in life; and

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1 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort has been an advocate for various
2 early childhood development initiatives during her legislative
3 tenure and was the co-sponsor of legislation promoting full-day
4 kindergarten; and

5 WHEREAS, as one of the original members on the legislative
6 health and human services committee, Senator Beffort had the
7 opportunity to learn about the root causes of poverty and to
8 gain insight into best-practice solutions; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort credits those committee hearings
10 with directing her focus on early childhood learning, so that
11 at-risk children would have the necessary preparation prior to
12 entering elementary school; and

13 WHEREAS, as a former small business owner, Senator Beffort
14 has been deeply committed to promoting a pro-business agenda
15 and to helping small businesses to prosper and to hire more New
16 Mexicans; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort has been an activist on medical
18 issues, particularly in the areas of nursing and dentistry, as
19 well as a supporter of programs at the university of New
20 Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort co-sponsored former Governor Gary
22 Johnson's income tax bills for several years and was the
23 Republican co-sponsor of former Governor Bill Richardson's
24 income tax and capital gains tax reduction bill, which became
25 law; and

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1 WHEREAS, another key accomplishment for Senator Beffort
2 was the sponsorship of the renewable energy bill, enabling New
3 Mexico to profit from becoming a major producer of wind energy;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is the proud mother of Sean, who
6 is in the real estate business, and who is the father of
7 Senator Beffort's only granddaughter, Lauren Grace, whom
8 Senator Beffort lovingly refers to as her prized possession;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is also the proud mother of Eric,
11 a cinematographer in Hollywood who recently completed the Harry
12 Potter film promotion for Universal studios; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is the widow of the late Steve
14 Beffort, whom many people knew and loved; and they sympathize
15 with Senator Beffort's profound loss since his passing in June
16 2014; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is an avid golfer and artist and
18 is continuing to perfect her classical piano playing skills;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Senator Beffort is looking forward to working in,
21 and enjoying, her extensive gardens;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that Senator Sue Wilson Beffort be honored for
24 her passion for the well-being of New Mexico's children and her
25 dedication to the people of New Mexico; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Senator Sue Wilson Beffort.

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