

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME THAT
3 PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 285, FROM INTERSTATE 25 EXIT
4 290 TO THE TURNOFF FOR LAMY, AS THE "MAX COLL CORRIDOR".
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6 WHEREAS, Max Coll was one of Santa Fe's treasured
7 characters for almost four decades, moving here from Roswell
8 and completely changing himself from a crew-cut,
9 conservative, Roswell republican to a curly-haired,
10 bolo-tie-wearing, socially liberal, but still fiscally
11 conservative, democrat; and

12 WHEREAS, Max's interest in politics and government
13 was born in the blood, as he was the grandson of Governor
14 James F. Hinkle, nephew of Senator Clarence Hinkle and
15 great-nephew of 1910 constitutional delegate John L. Hinkle;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Max was first elected to the New Mexico house
18 of representatives in 1966, representing a district in
19 Roswell until 1974, when he resigned to go to law school at
20 the university of New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1969, Max followed in his great-uncle's
22 footsteps when he was elected as a delegate to New Mexico's
23 last constitutional convention, chaired by former speaker of
24 the house and future governor, Bruce King, where he served
25 with several members who, like him, became well-known state

1 leaders in the years following the convention; and

2 WHEREAS, Max served as a state representative for
3 thirty-two years, winning sixteen elections, though his years
4 and terms were not consecutive, and he served Santa Fe's
5 house district 47 for twenty-four of those years; and

6 WHEREAS, many people were surprised that Max won
7 election in Santa Fe as a republican in 1980 and were
8 surprised once again when he won his same district as a
9 democrat in 1984, soon after ensuring that his reapportioned
10 district 47 leaned republican and after switching parties
11 before the 1983 legislative session; and

12 WHEREAS, Max Coll represented district 47 with
13 intelligence, integrity and reason and a wicked sense of
14 humor, and he served his district, his city and county of
15 Santa Fe and his state as a statesman and a gentleman; and

16 WHEREAS, in 2006, Max was declared one of Santa Fe's
17 living treasures for his contributions as a legislator and a
18 citizen of Santa Fe; and

19 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe county commission has named the
20 new community center in Eldorado the "Max Coll Corridor
21 Community Center";

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state transportation commission
24 be requested to name that portion of United States highway
25 285, from interstate 25 exit 290 to the turnoff for Lamy, as

1 the "Max Coll corridor"; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the department of transportation, Santa Fe
4 county and Max Coll's widow, Catherine Joyce-Coll. _____

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