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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DAVID A. ORTIZ AND HONORING HIS
LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE AND
THE CITY OF SANTA FE.

WHEREAS, David A. Ortiz was born July 22, 1953 in the
Pueblo of San Juan, now known as Ohkay Owingeh; and

WHEREAS, David died on September 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, David attended Santa Fe public schools and
graduated from the university of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, when David first got his driver's license, he
served as personal chauffeur to former Governor David Cargo;
and

WHEREAS, David volunteered in numerous nonprofit
organizations in Santa Fe, among them, caballeros de Vargas,
la cofradia de la conquistadora and youthworks; and

WHEREAS, David served as a distinguished and dedicated
president of the Santa Fe fiesta council; and

WHEREAS, David's open heart, helping hands and sincere
friendship were extended to all whom he encountered, from
homeless persons to heads of state; and

WHEREAS, David hosted numerous foreign exchange
students, creating goodwill and amity that those future world
citizens took back to their home countries; and

WHEREAS, David welcomed foreign dignitaries to

1 New Mexico and shared with them the history and culture of
2 la villa real de la Santa Fe de San Francisco de Asis; and

3 WHEREAS, David was a skilled artisan who crafted
4 beautiful handmade, blue ribbon-winning quilts and clothing
5 for his wife, Mary Lee, his granddaughter, Nayeli, priests
6 and others; and

7 WHEREAS, David, an accomplished chef, assisted
8 youthworks, the Santa Fe fiesta council and other groups with
9 his culinary knowledge and services; and

10 WHEREAS, David served for over twenty years in the
11 New Mexico senate with the sergeant at arms, assuring that
12 the senate public affairs, judiciary and rules committees
13 were organized and ready for their meetings; and

14 WHEREAS, David used his masterful voice to prepare the
15 audiences for these committee hearings; and

16 WHEREAS, David will be lovingly remembered by his
17 immediate family members: his wife, Mary Lee Ortiz; his
18 daughter, Ama Ortiz; his granddaughters, Nayeli and Barbara;
19 and his sons, Eliseo Ortiz (Linda), Angel Puertas (Mabel) and
20 Jesus Gomez; and

21 WHEREAS, David was respected by senators and
22 representatives alike and was seen as a role model for
23 younger staff members, always doing his job with a smile, day
24 or night; and

25 WHEREAS, David served as an historian on the Santa Fe

1 four hundredth anniversary commemoration committee and the
2 history task force, accompanied ambassadors and dignitaries
3 from Spain and Latin American countries and assisted in the
4 final draft of the official fourth hundredth anniversary
5 commemorative publication, *All Trails Lead to Santa Fe*;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate the blessed life of
8 David A. Ortiz and honor his dedication and service to
9 Santa Fe and New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the family members of David A. Ortiz. _____

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