

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO RENAME THE  
3 GEORGE RINALDI, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE ON UNITED STATES ROUTE  
4 550 OVER THE RIO GRANDE IN BERNALILLO TO THE GIOVANNI GIORGIO  
5 RINALDI BRIDGE.

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7 WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by  
8 name of any department of transportation bridge are submitted  
9 to the state transportation commission for approval; and

10 WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as  
11 a memorial to an event, a person or persons of historical  
12 significance or intended as an honor to a person or persons  
13 of national esteem; and

14 WHEREAS, state transportation commission records show  
15 that the New Mexico house of representatives passed House  
16 Memorial 14 in 1955 requesting that bridge 1736 be designated  
17 as the George Rinaldi, Sr. memorial bridge, and the former  
18 state highway commission concurred; and

19 WHEREAS, action was not taken on the dedication of the  
20 bridge until February 21, 1986, when the state highway  
21 commission ordered the dedication of former bridge 1736 on  
22 United States route 550 over the Rio Grande in Bernalillo as  
23 the George Rinaldi, Sr. memorial bridge; and

24 WHEREAS, a plaque dedicating the bridge to George  
25 Rinaldi, Sr. was removed or stolen from the bridge several

1 years ago; and

2 WHEREAS, the family of George Rinaldi, Sr. is requesting  
3 that the plaque be replaced and that the replacement plaque  
4 reflect his given name, Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi; and

5 WHEREAS, Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi was the first Rinaldi  
6 in New Mexico and, because people had difficulty pronouncing  
7 his name, he was often called George;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state  
10 transportation commission be requested to rename the George  
11 Rinaldi, Sr. memorial bridge on United States route 550 over  
12 the Rio Grande in Bernalillo to the Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi  
13 bridge; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a plaque reflecting the name  
15 change be installed at the bridge dedication site; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the state transportation commission and the  
18 family of Giovanni Giorgio Rinaldi. \_\_\_\_\_

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