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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 31

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

RAYMOND L. KYSAR

A JOINT MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE LEGISLATURE UPON THE DEATH OF  
FORMER SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE RAY ATCHISON.

WHEREAS, Ray Atchison died December 15, 1996; and

WHEREAS, he served for twelve years in the legislature in  
both the house and the senate between 1961 and 1973 and was a  
member of the San Juan county commission; and

WHEREAS, Atchison was also a delegate to the republican  
national convention in 1964, when Barry Goldwater was nominated;  
and

WHEREAS, he was born in Idaho on September 6, 1911, grew up  
in Colorado and moved to New Mexico in 1930; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from high school in La Veta,  
Colorado, and he married Iris Nobel of Aztec in 1933; and

WHEREAS, he was a Mason and member of the San Juan Lodge

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1 25, the Shriners, the Elks and the Scottish Rite Freemasonry  
2 Lodge of Santa Fe; and

3 WHEREAS, he started Atchison construction in 1945 from  
4 which he retired in the early 1970s; and

5 WHEREAS, he donated time to build football and baseball  
6 fields for the Farmington and Aztec community youth; and

7 WHEREAS, his granddaughter, Tammy Price, said that his  
8 dedication to his employees made his business a success; and

9 WHEREAS, former legislative finance committee director  
10 Marilyn Budke said that he was a very effective member of the  
11 house when there were very few republicans serving in those  
12 days; and

13 WHEREAS, his son, Lee Atchison, said that his father never  
14 lost an election, "which says something for him. His sense of  
15 integrity and his own personal sense of ethics were probably one  
16 of his most well-known characteristics."; and

17 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Rachel; a daughter,  
18 Janice; a son, Raymond Lee; a brother, Richard Atchison; four  
19 grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; three  
20 step-children; and two step-grandchildren;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolence be extended to the family  
23 and friends of Ray Atchison, a loving and devoted New Mexican;  
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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transmitted to the family of Ray Atchison.

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7 Mr. President:  
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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.  
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16 Respectfully submitted,  
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21 Gloria Howes, Chairman  
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25 Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

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The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Aragon, Gorham

Absent: None

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