

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 18

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,**
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11 A MEMORIAL

12 EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF
13 JACK FLYNN.
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15 WHEREAS, Jack Flynn passed away on January 8, 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, he was the longtime pastor at St. Joseph's
17 Orthodox mission in Santa Fe and editor of a newsletter about
18 state government; and

19 WHEREAS, he moved to New Mexico at the age of six,
20 earned a master's degree in history and journalism from New
21 Mexico highlands university in 1958, worked as a publications
22 director for New Mexico highlands university and taught
23 history and political science there before serving as dean at
24 northern New Mexico community college; and
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WHEREAS, "He knew the history of New Mexico better than
anyone I know in terms of personalities," his daughter Susan
Eagan said. "He was incredibly politically astute."; and

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1 WHEREAS, he covered his first legislative session in
2 1959 as a stringer for the *Las Vegas Optic* and enjoyed
3 analyzing political issues in his writing, and in 1980, he
4 purchased a publication, which he renamed *Capitol Government*
5 *Reports*; and

6 WHEREAS, he remained editor and owner of the weekly
7 newsletter until his death and wrote columns for various
8 publications and recently wrote a book, *Profiles in Candor*,
9 which profiled nine government officials in New Mexico
10 history; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as an assistant to former Governor
12 Jack Campbell; and

13 WHEREAS, he attended seminary at Santa Barbara,
14 California before completing his work at the Immaculate Heart
15 of Mary Roman Catholic seminary in Santa Fe and, although he
16 was not ordained as a Roman Catholic priest, he founded St.
17 Joseph's Orthodox mission eighteen years ago; and

18 WHEREAS, his daughter said that being an orthodox priest
19 was a way for him to fulfill his desire to help people. "He
20 was a real priest in helping people through life's passages,"
21 she said. "He enjoyed helping people seek their spiritual
22 paths."; and

23 WHEREAS, another daughter, Angelica Flynn del Rio, said,
24 "He didn't focus on his health problems; he focused on
25 everyone else's issues; he was very much the public
servant."; and

 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife of thirty years,

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1 Kathy Flynn; two daughters, Susan and Angelica; three sons,
2 Bernard, Blue Freedom and Donovan; two stepdaughters, Robin
3 Covelli and Shawna Rohrback; stepson, Bob Hunt; several
4 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many other friends
5 and relatives;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be extended to the
8 friends and family of the Reverend Jack Flynn, a loving and
9 devoted New Mexican; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the friends and family of the late Jack Flynn.

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