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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF
JACK FLYNN.

WHEREAS, Jack Flynn passed away on January 8, 2000; and

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

WHEREAS, he moved to New Mexico at the age of six,
earned a master's degree in history and journalism from New
Mexico highlands university in 1958, worked as a publications
director for New Mexico highlands university and taught
history and political science there before serving as dean at
northern New Mexico community college; and

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

WHEREAS, he covered his first legislative session in

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Jack is survived by his wife Kathryn; his
mother-in-law Mary Louise Akers; his children, Angelica Flynn

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1 Del Rio, her two children, Antonio Plemons and Amanda
2 Hegland, and her husband James; Bernard Flynn and his
3 daughter Anita Flynn; Blue Freedom, his wife Bernadette and
4 their children Aaron, Azul and Jazzmine Freedom; Donovan
5 Flynn, his wife Chris and their son Austin Flynn;
6 stepchildren, Robyn Covelli-Hunt, her husband Robert and
7 daughter Delaney, Shawna Rohrbach and her husband Steve and
8 Bob Hunt, his wife Loretta and son Nathaniel; his brothers,
9 Brian, and his wife Mary Ann, and Ray, and his wife Darlene;
10 sisters, Peg Rumfield and Julie Bennett and her husband
11 Roger. He is also survived by his two great-grandchildren
12 Mickaela and A.J. Hegland; and numerous nephews, nieces; and
13 close individuals who were like brothers, sisters, children
14 and grandchildren to him. He was preceded in death by his
15 parents, Bernard and Margaret and his sister, Pat;

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

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