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SENATE MEMORIAL 25

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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A MEMORIAL

REMEMBERING DONNAN STEPHENSON, FORMER SUPREME COURT JUSTICE,
VETERAN AND LOYAL NEW MEXICAN.

WHEREAS, at the age of eighty, former state supreme
court justice Donnan Stephenson died on Monday, January 10,
2000 ; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the state supreme court from
1971 to 1976, winning election twice before resigning to go
into private practice, fulfilling a lawyer's obligation to
"perform judicial service"; and

WHEREAS, he worked on several procedural changes
designed to speed the judicial process while he was a member
of the court; and

WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Stephenson and
Olmsted law firm in 1962; and

WHEREAS, he served our country in the United States navy

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1 during World War II, was awarded the Bronze Star and retired
2 as a lieutenant commander in the naval reserve; and

3 WHEREAS, he graduated from the university of Kansas and
4 the university of Kansas law school; and

5 WHEREAS, he gave to many charities, including the Donnan
6 Stephenson lecture series at his alma mater; and

7 WHEREAS, he is preceded in death by his wife, Patricia
8 Stephenson; and

9 WHEREAS, he is survived by his sons, Mark and Bruce
10 Stephenson and three grandchildren, Autumn, Quinn and Erin Li
11 Stephenson;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be extended to the
14 family and friends of Donnan Stephenson, a distinguished
15 lawyer, judge and devoted New Mexican; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the friends and family of Donnan Stephenson.

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