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**SENATE MEMORIAL 28**

**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**A MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO APPOINT SHARON  
E. CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE AS THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
FOR THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.**

**WHEREAS, the entire New Mexico congressional delegation  
supports Senator Pete Domenici's recommendation of Sharon E.  
Clahchischilliage, a native New Mexican, for such a prestigious  
position in the administration of George W. Bush, president of  
the United States; and**

**WHEREAS, she was tribal affairs officer in the children,  
youth and families department, where she served with honor and  
distinction; and**

**WHEREAS, she coordinated tribal-state relations between  
the twenty-two New Mexico pueblos and Indian nations, Governor**

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1 Gary Johnson and the New Mexico cabinet secretaries; and

2 WHEREAS, she has dedicated herself to improving education,  
3 health care, justice and equal access to human services for all  
4 New Mexico Indian people; and

5 WHEREAS, she has served with equal distinction as a  
6 lieutenant in the United States commissioned corps providing  
7 mental health and health care services to the Indian people of  
8 New Mexico; and

9 WHEREAS, she has served in national legislative and  
10 political affairs for the benefit of New Mexico pueblos and  
11 Indian nations; and

12 WHEREAS, her experience, education and training have  
13 qualified her to represent New Mexico with honor and  
14 distinction;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
16 OF NEW MEXICO that the president of the United States be  
17 requested to appoint Sharon E. Clahchischilliage as the  
18 department of the interior's assistant secretary for the bureau  
19 of Indian affairs; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the president of the United States, the governor  
22 of New Mexico and the New Mexico congressional delegation.