

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF RENAMING HIGHWAY 666 THE SENATOR JOHN PINTO HIGHWAY.

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WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto has spent his life in service of his nation, his state and his tribe; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto is a role model for both Navajo and New Mexico youth; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto served in the United States marine corps as a Navajo code talker in the Pacific theater; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto served on the McKinley county commission; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto has been a long-time employee of the Navajo Nation tribal government; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto has served as a New Mexico state senator for seven terms; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto is the second Native American to serve in the New Mexico legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto has been involved in building and maintaining many roads in Navajo land; and

WHEREAS, Senator John Pinto has been involved in improving the safety of highway 666;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state highway and transportation department be requested to investigate and begin the process of renaming highway 666 "Senator John Pinto highway"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor and the secretary of highway and transportation.

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