

1 A MEMORIAL

2 PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 14, 2013 AS "JOHNNIE ARCHIBEQUE DAY" IN  
3 THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque was, first and foremost, a  
6 devoted family man, married to his wife Eloisa for  
7 thirty-three years, with five children, Melba, Sandra,  
8 Johnny, Theresa and Frank; and

9 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque was a loving grandfather to  
10 eleven grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren, who  
11 lovingly referred to him as "Grandpy"; and

12 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque worked in construction for  
13 fifteen years and was a member of the local affiliate of the  
14 united brotherhood of carpenters and joiners where he helped  
15 lobby on behalf of public education; and

16 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque served as Sandoval county  
17 clerk for three terms; and

18 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque was always a strong advocate  
19 for public education, even before he worked for fifteen years  
20 in the Bernalillo public school district; and

21 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque retired in 1993 but  
22 continued to work as an advocate for causes important to him,  
23 including as an educational support professional for the  
24 national education association-New Mexico, where he was  
25 instrumental in getting bargaining rights in his local

1 chapter in the 1990s and was later inducted into the national  
2 education association-New Mexico hall of fame; and

3 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque was also active in lobbying  
4 for key issues on behalf of the American association of  
5 retired persons; and

6 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque also loved politics and  
7 started his political career as a bill clerk and then served  
8 two terms in the New Mexico house of representatives, in  
9 1945-46 and 1957-58, where he sat on several legislative  
10 committees, including the house education committee and the  
11 house labor committee; and

12 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque always stayed involved in  
13 political issues, traveling each year to the state capitol  
14 during the legislative session to lobby legislators on  
15 education funding, support for retirees and health care  
16 reform; and

17 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque made many lifetime friends  
18 inside and outside the state capitol, in his hometown of  
19 Bernalillo and just about any place Johnnie went as he  
20 carried with him an unforgettable smile, infinite charm and  
21 impressive historical knowledge of New Mexico politics;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Johnnie Archibeque be commended and  
24 remembered for his love and commitment to public service to  
25 the state of New Mexico and for his devotion to education and

1 his support for the state's retirees and health care reform;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Thursday, February 14, 2013,  
4 be declared "Johnnie Archibeque Day" in the senate; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the family of Johnnie Archibeque and to  
7 Jack Torres, mayor of the town of Bernalillo. \_\_\_\_\_

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