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SENATE MEMORIAL 41

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque served as Sandoval county

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1 clerk for three terms; and

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

5 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque retired in 1993 but continued
6 to work as an advocate for causes important to him, including
7 as an educational support professional for the national
8 education association-New Mexico, where he was instrumental in
9 getting bargaining rights in his local chapter in the 1990s and
10 was later inducted into the national education association-New
11 Mexico hall of fame; and

12 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque was also active in lobbying
13 for key issues on behalf of the American association of retired
14 persons; and

15 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque also loved politics and
16 started his political career as a bill clerk and then served
17 two terms in the New Mexico house of representatives, in 1945-
18 46 and 1957-58, where he sat on several legislative committees,
19 including the house education committee and the house labor
20 committee; and

21 WHEREAS, Johnnie Archibeque always stayed involved in
22 political issues, traveling each year to the state capitol
23 during the legislative session to lobby legislators on
24 education funding, support for retirees and health care reform;
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