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SENATE MEMORIAL 46

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCLUSION OF THE  
WORDS "UNDER GOD" IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

WHEREAS, the pledge of allegiance stands as a testament to  
the freedoms and ideals of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, originally written in 1892, the pledge has been  
revised at least four times, the most recent being in 1954 with  
the addition of the words "under God"; and

WHEREAS, recognition that the United States of America is  
at once a nation under God and a nation that guarantees the  
freedom to not worship or recognize God stands as enduring  
proof of a commitment to protect the freedoms and rights of  
all; and

WHEREAS, inclusion of the words "under God" and the  
principle it expresses in the pledge of allegiance was enacted

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1 into law by congress in 1954 at the urging of President Dwight  
2 D. Eisenhower; and

3 WHEREAS, in a speech on flag day in 1954 when he signed  
4 the legislation into law, President Eisenhower noted that the  
5 inclusion of "under God" in the pledge reaffirms "the  
6 transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and  
7 future" and that "in this way we shall constantly strengthen  
8 those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's  
9 most powerful resource in peace and war"; and

10 WHEREAS, the inclusion of "under God" in the pledge has  
11 not been without controversy, but in yet another tribute to the  
12 civil and reasoned manner in which disputes over the  
13 innumerable freedoms afforded all residents of the United  
14 States of America are resolved, the federal courts have  
15 considered challenges to the inclusion of the phrase and  
16 refused to strike it from the pledge;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
18 OF NEW MEXICO that the sixtieth anniversary of the inclusion of  
19 "under God" in the pledge of allegiance be recognized.

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