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A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF RALPH KINER, A HALL OF FAME
BASEBALL PLAYER AND A NEW MEXICO ORIGINAL.

WHEREAS, major league baseball hall of fame player Ralph
McPherran Kiner was born in Santa Rita, New Mexico, and served
honorably as a United States navy pilot during World War II;
and

WHEREAS, Santa Rita is a ghost town in Grant county and is
the site of the El Chino copper mine; and

WHEREAS, Kiner played outfield for the Pittsburgh Pirates,
Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians from 1946 through 1955; and

WHEREAS, after injuries forced his retirement from active
play after ten seasons, Ralph Kiner served as an announcer for
the Chicago White Sox and the New York Mets, announcing for the
Mets from the team's inception until his death on February 6,

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1 2014; and

2 WHEREAS, Kiner was a powerful slugger, led all of major
3 league baseball in home runs six times and retired with three
4 hundred sixty-nine career home runs; and

5 WHEREAS, Ralph spent eight decades as a baseball player,
6 executive and broadcaster; and

7 WHEREAS, Kiner was inducted into the baseball hall of fame
8 in 1975, the only player to be voted in that year; and

9 WHEREAS, Ralph Kiner attended every hall of fame ceremony
10 from the time he was inducted until his death, and his legacy
11 will live forever in Cooperstown;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Ralph McPherran Kiner from Santa Rita,
14 New Mexico, be recognized as a great New Mexican and for his
15 contributions to baseball and this country; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the secretary of cultural affairs, the governor
18 and the New Mexico legislative council.