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A MEMORIAL

HONORING SHIRLEY HOOPER-GARCIA IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Shirley Hooper-Garcia, a former secretary of state and one-time Santa Fe county deputy clerk, died on October 24, 2014 at her home in Roswell; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was the daughter of a sharecropper and was born November 5, 1935 in Meadow, Texas, to Isom F. Collier and Lena C. Collier and was one of thirteen children; and

WHEREAS, in her early years, she worked for private law firms as a legal secretary; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Shirley began a long and distinguished career in state and local government; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was a legislative aide to former Governor Jack Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was the secretary to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Walter K. Martinez, was the assistant chief clerk of the house of representatives and was a legal secretary to two New Mexico supreme court justices; and

WHEREAS, she went on to serve as the secretary of state, and after that, as the Lea county clerk; and

WHEREAS, Shirley also served as an administrator for the office of the public defender in Hobbs and as the chief

1 deputy of the Santa Fe county clerk's office; and

2 WHEREAS, she served on the board of regents of the
3 New Mexico school for the deaf and was one of the founders
4 of the international association of parents of the deaf; and

5 WHEREAS, Shirley took pride in volunteering for many
6 organizations for children with disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, Shirley wrote short stories and poetry and her
8 hobbies included water aerobics, gardening and doing
9 crossword puzzles "to keep her mind sharp"; and

10 WHEREAS, Shirley left Santa Fe and moved to Roswell in
11 2010; and

12 WHEREAS, Shirley's husband, Edward Garcia, died in
13 2012, and she is survived by her sons, Greg Hooper and John
14 Hooper, and their families;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Shirley Hooper-Garcia be honored
17 for her long and distinguished career as a public servant
18 and for her advocacy for people with disabilities; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the family of Shirley Hooper-Garcia.

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