

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2016 "COACH BOB SWEENEY DAY" IN THE  
3 SENATE.

4  
5 WHEREAS, Robert Miles Sweeney was born on May 5, 1927 in  
6 Santa Fe, New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, Coach Sweeney attended elementary, middle and  
8 high school in Santa Fe, lettering in four sports and winning  
9 a state championship in football in 1943 as a Santa Fe high  
10 school demon; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Sweeney enlisted in the United States  
12 navy and served a short tour of duty, after which he attended  
13 the university of Notre Dame on a football scholarship and  
14 later received his bachelor of arts degree in physical  
15 education from the university of Colorado in Boulder on a  
16 basketball scholarship; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1949, Coach Sweeney began his long coaching  
18 career at St. Michael's college, later named the college of  
19 Santa Fe; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1953, Coach Sweeney married the former  
21 Lena Cisneros of Santa Fe; and

22 WHEREAS, Coach Sweeney was then drafted into the  
23 United States army and served for two years before returning  
24 to St. Michael's college; and

25 WHEREAS, in 1957, Coach Sweeney became the head

1 basketball coach at the university of New Mexico and earned a  
2 master's degree in physical education at the university; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1962, Coach Sweeney returned to the college  
4 of Santa Fe as head basketball coach, athletic director and  
5 professor of physical education; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1964, Coach Sweeney began eighteen years of  
7 service on the Santa Fe school board, twelve of which he  
8 served as board president; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1992, after thirty-seven years of coaching  
10 and teaching, Coach Sweeney retired from the college of  
11 Santa Fe; and

12 WHEREAS, Coach Sweeney lives in Santa Fe with Lena, his  
13 wife of sixty-three years; his children, Patty, Marty, David  
14 and Arlene; and seven grandchildren and one great-grandson on  
15 the way;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2016 be declared  
18 "Coach Bob Sweeney Day" in the senate; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Coach Bob Sweeney be  
20 recognized for his service to his country, his service to the  
21 public schools of Santa Fe and his many significant  
22 contributions to public education and athletics in  
23 New Mexico; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to Coach Bob Sweeney. \_\_\_\_\_