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SENATE MEMORIAL 80

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, in 1957, Coach Sweeney became the head basketball
10 coach at the university of New Mexico and earned a master's
11 degree in physical education at the university; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, in 1992, after thirty-seven years of coaching and
19 teaching, Coach Sweeney retired from the college of Santa Fe;
20 and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2016 be declared "Coach Bob
2 Sweeney Day" in the senate; and
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Coach Bob Sweeney be
4 recognized for his service to his country, his service to the
5 public schools of Santa Fe and his many significant
6 contributions to public education and athletics in New Mexico;
7 and
8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to Coach Bob Sweeney.