

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF GLORIA G. TRUJILLO AND HONORING HER
3 LIFETIME OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE AND
4 THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, Gloria G. Trujillo, a native of Belen and a
7 long-time resident of Santa Fe, was a highly respected and
8 beloved former senior staff member of the legislative council
9 service who passed away on December 9, 2017, a few months
10 before her eighty-eighth birthday; and

11 WHEREAS, Gloria exemplified the legislative council
12 service's position that staff were "behind-the-scenes" public
13 servants who never sought public recognition of their many
14 contributions to the state and the legislature; and

15 WHEREAS, Gloria began her work for the old state tax
16 commission in 1951, learning much about the state's tax
17 structure from the legendary Franklin Jones and Willard
18 Lewis; and

19 WHEREAS, Gloria also worked for the Santa Fe district
20 attorney and spent several years working for the bureau of
21 revenue, moonlighting as a legislative analyst during
22 sessions and working at home to raise her son Patrick for
23 several years, before coming to work full-time for Clay
24 Buchanan at the legislative council service in 1966; and

25 WHEREAS, throughout her long and illustrious career,

1 Gloria served during the leadership of seven speakers of the
2 house of representatives, six presidents pro tempore of the
3 senate and nine governors and also served many hundreds of
4 legislators; and

5 WHEREAS, from her earliest years with the legislative
6 council service, Gloria demonstrated a flexibility and
7 capacity to do her job with skill and wisdom, filling many
8 positions and assignments during her tenure, including
9 secretary, proofreader, research assistant, fiscal assistant
10 to the legislative fiscal analyst, bill drafter and, from
11 1979 to her retirement in 1990, serving as senior tax policy
12 expert and senior fiscal drafter; and

13 WHEREAS, for her many contributions to tax and fiscal
14 laws and to the legislative process, Gloria justly earned the
15 esteem and admiration of members of the legislature, her
16 colleagues and anyone in the know about tax policy; and

17 WHEREAS, Gloria trained each new drafter, researcher and
18 staff attorney to understand the importance of precision and
19 accuracy, driven by her deep conviction that it was the
20 legislature's responsibility to ensure that each statute was
21 meticulously drafted and received careful consideration and
22 thoughtful deliberation; and

23 WHEREAS, without regard for her personal comfort and the
24 long hours required, Gloria discharged her tasks with an
25 equitable balance of intellect, good humor, warm heart and a

1 commitment to the highest standards of quality, trust and
2 responsibility; and

3 WHEREAS, Gloria's unfailing urge to help and her
4 friendliness to all did not end with her retirement, but she
5 turned her hand to assisting senior citizens with their
6 taxes, helping countless seniors through many trying tax
7 seasons; and

8 WHEREAS, she is remembered by the staff who knew her for
9 her "tax fixes", making sure to catch the missing comma, the
10 misplaced colon and that an "and" should not be an "or" among
11 all the "pre-excel" spreadsheet tax tables she created with
12 her little old-fashioned adding machine; and

13 WHEREAS, she is still remembered as the small but tough
14 "tax lady" who loved to laugh and smoke, and who also giggled
15 politely at her husband Adolph's jokes when he came to visit
16 during the late nights of session, while she set the pace for
17 all of the younger staff, working late into the night until
18 the job was done;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it celebrate the life of Gloria G.
21 Trujillo and honor her dedication to public service and her
22 many contributions during her life in New Mexico; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to her son, Patrick Trujillo, and other loving
25 members of her family.
