

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING AND HONORING FORMER MAYORS OF THE CITY OF
3 SANTA ROSA, ELFEGO ALBERT "FRIGGIE" CAMPOS, ELEUTERIO "LAUTE"
4 MIGUEL LUCERO AND JOSE ALCARIO MARTINEZ, A GENERATION OF
5 GUADALUPE COUNTY LEADERS.

6
7 WHEREAS, Elfego Albert "Friggie" Campos, Eleuterio
8 "Laute" Miguel Lucero and Jose Alcario Martinez are highly
9 esteemed former mayors of Santa Rosa, New Mexico, all from
10 Guadalupe county and all of whom died in 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, Elfego Albert "Friggie" Campos was a unique
12 kind of servant leader who made sure the highest needs of
13 others were met; and

14 WHEREAS, Elfego instilled a strong work ethic and
15 integrity in others; and

16 WHEREAS, Elfego had a thirty-five-year restaurant career
17 and started La Fiesta cafe with his uncle, Jose Campos, Sr.,
18 as well as Lettie's restaurant, named after his daughter, and
19 the Adobe restaurant; and

20 WHEREAS, Elfego served as a medic during the Korean
21 conflict; and

22 WHEREAS, as a city councilor and mayor of Santa Rosa,
23 Elfego wanted the city always to thrive and wanted the credit
24 for progress to belong to the residents; and

25 WHEREAS, Elfego undertook projects and served on

1 committees that would benefit the community, such as
2 attracting the travel centers of America and the Santa Rosa
3 apartments, improving the San Jose cemetery and providing
4 oversight as a member of the Santa Rosa de Lima Catholic
5 church parish council; and

6 WHEREAS, through his actions, Elfego taught his family
7 and others about ethical responsive government, working with
8 honesty and integrity, giving back to the community and
9 paying it forward; and

10 WHEREAS, Eleuterio "Laute" Miguel Lucero, a lifelong
11 Democrat, came from a respected political family, and Laute's
12 stepfather, Joe Baca, was the grandson of the founder of
13 Santa Rosa, New Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, Laute served in World War II and returned to
15 Santa Rosa after the war to embark on a long business and
16 service career; and

17 WHEREAS, Laute served as post commander of the local
18 American legion, as a city councilman and as mayor of
19 Santa Rosa for several terms, and he was always ready and
20 willing when any call for assistance came; and

21 WHEREAS, Laute and his wife, Florence, started their
22 careers in the clothing business with Lee's in Santa Rosa in
23 1948, and they moved to Santa Fe when Lee's opened a store
24 there and, in 1955, returned to Santa Rosa and purchased Town
25 and Country clothes; and

1 WHEREAS, the Luceros closed Town and Country clothes in
2 2002 and began enjoying a well-earned retirement; and

3 WHEREAS, Jose Alcario Martinez, known by Alcario, came
4 from a long line of distinguished public servants, and his
5 grandfather, Salomé, was one of the four delegates from
6 Guadalupe county to the constitutional convention of 1910;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, after serving in the military in World War II,
9 Alcario returned to New Mexico and began a long and
10 distinguished career in education with the Santa Rosa
11 consolidated school district, and he retired in June 1984
12 after a career that spanned four decades; and

13 WHEREAS, Alcario was also involved in politics and
14 served on the Santa Rosa, New Mexico, city council and as
15 mayor of Santa Rosa; and

16 WHEREAS, Alcario was always very active in his hometown
17 of La Pintada and was a living history of the entire area;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Elfego Albert "Friggie" Campos, Eleuterio
20 "Laute" Miguel Lucero and Jose Alcario Martinez exemplify
21 public servants of the highest level and were recognized for
22 their community involvement during their lifetimes;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that former mayors Elfego Albert
25 "Friggie" Campos, Eleuterio "Laute" Miguel Lucero and

1 Jose Alcario Martinez be honored and recognized for their
2 lives of public service; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the families of Elfego Albert "Friggie"
5 Campos, Eleuterio "Laute" Miguel Lucero and
6 Jose Alcario Martinez. _____

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