

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING DENNIS SCOTT HAZLETT AND RECOGNIZING HIS OUTSTANDING
3 SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, Dennis Scott Hazlett was born May 21, 1944 in
6 Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania, and died on November 9, 2019;
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8 WHEREAS, after serving in the United States air force,
9 Dennis graduated summa cum laude from Illinois state
10 university in 1970; and

11 WHEREAS, Dennis then moved to Santa Fe, where he began a
12 long and distinguished career in state government; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1988, Dennis took a break from his state
14 government career to do something he had always wanted to do,
15 attend law school; and

16 WHEREAS, Dennis earned his juris doctor degree from the
17 university of New Mexico school of law and was admitted to
18 the state bar in 1991 before returning to state government
19 employment; and

20 WHEREAS, during his career, Dennis was director of the
21 former state welfare agency and administrative services
22 director of a number of state agencies, including the energy,
23 minerals and natural resources department; the department of
24 finance and administration; the human services department;
25 the children, youth and families department; the general

1 services department; and the state land office; and

2 WHEREAS, Dennis was also the chief operating officer of
3 the gaming control board; and

4 WHEREAS, Dennis retired from state government as deputy
5 commissioner of public lands under then-commissioner
6 Ray Powell; and

7 WHEREAS, Dennis later served as chief administrative
8 officer of the Valles Caldera national trust and director of
9 governmental relations for New Mexico state university; and

10 WHEREAS, Dennis was also an adjunct professor in the
11 university of New Mexico graduate school of public
12 administration; and

13 WHEREAS, after Dennis retired, most of his work was with
14 the state legislature, working for both the house of
15 representatives and the senate; and

16 WHEREAS, among the positions Dennis held were chief of
17 staff for the house majority leadership office and, most
18 recently, analyst in the office of Senate President
19 Pro Tempore Mary Kay Papen; and

20 WHEREAS, Dennis served as chair of the state personnel
21 board in 2003 and 2004; and

22 WHEREAS, Dennis was also a certified government
23 financial manager and was selected as 1997 financial manager
24 of the year by the New Mexico chapter of the association of
25 government accountants; and

1 WHEREAS, Dennis's greatest passions were aviation and
2 working with his hands, whether "flipping" a house or,
3 especially, restoring classic cars; and

4 WHEREAS, Dennis earned his air transport license and was
5 a flight instructor, having taught many Santa Feans and
6 others to fly; and

7 WHEREAS, Dennis left state government temporarily in the
8 early 1980s to become president and general manager of Post
9 aviation of Santa Fe; and

10 WHEREAS, Dennis was a man of many interests and many
11 talents who was endowed with a dry wit; he could be
12 incredibly funny but was not ashamed to cry; and

13 WHEREAS, Dennis is survived by his wife of twenty-seven
14 years, Judi Ross Hazlett; his brother, Curt, and wife, Wendi;
15 his brother, Doug, and wife, Kim, and their children; as well
16 as his beloved kitties Ti, Schwartzl and special kitty buddy,
17 Tucker; and

18 WHEREAS, Dennis was a fine man, a man of integrity, a
19 loyal friend and a true gentleman;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Dennis Scott Hazlett be honored for
22 his professionalism and his many years of public service in
23 state government; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to Judi Ross Hazlett. _____