

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING SIXTY-SIX YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND DECLARING  
3 FEBRUARY 17, 2023 "SARAH GRACE DURAN DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, Sarah Grace Duran was a lifelong resident of  
6 Santa Fe and was known and loved by many; and

7 WHEREAS, Sarah was born on July 11, 1928 to  
8 Augustine "Tinnie" and Margaret "Maggie" Grace and was the  
9 eldest sister to Dolores, Julian, Pita, Herman, Gus, Veronica  
10 and Patrick; and

11 WHEREAS, Sarah and her beloved husband,  
12 Ambrose F. Duran, were married for sixty-eight years and had  
13 a loving family; and

14 WHEREAS, Sarah and Ambrose had six children: Linda and  
15 her husband, Larry; Jerry; Dolores; Mark and his wife, Linda;  
16 Adela; and Patricia; and

17 WHEREAS, they had seven grandchildren: Larry, Jr. and  
18 his wife, Linda; Brian and his wife, Johanna; Kellie and her  
19 husband, Rob; Jerome; Joseph and his wife, Jacqueline;  
20 Jared Ambrose; and Ana-Adela; and they had six  
21 great-grandchildren: Jacob, Gregory, Sophia, Robbie Jerome,  
22 Amila Mae and Ayanna Lynnae; and

23 WHEREAS, Sarah was a people person who enjoyed sixty-six  
24 years as a public servant, beginning her career as the  
25 Santa Fe county deputy county clerk from 1951 to 1954; and

1           WHEREAS, Sarah then worked as a service representative  
2 with the social security administration, where she handled  
3 every claim with deep and personal interest and was so widely  
4 respected for her dedication that she was honored in the  
5 *Congressional Record* when she retired after thirty-two years  
6 of service; and

7           WHEREAS, Sarah then began another career in the New  
8 Mexico state capitol with the legislative building services  
9 information and tours office as an information specialist,  
10 where she quickly became a cherished mainstay, interacting  
11 with governors, legislators, maintenance staff, residents and  
12 tourists alike, all known to Sarah as "hita" or "hito",  
13 regardless of their age or status; and

14           WHEREAS, Sarah finally retired on December 31, 2017,  
15 after twenty-four years with the legislative building  
16 services at the spirited age of eighty-nine; and

17           WHEREAS, a plaque will be placed in the capitol  
18 information and tours office in honor of Sarah; and

19           WHEREAS, Sarah was also active in her community, serving  
20 as the first Hispanic appointed in 1978 to the Santa Fe  
21 public library board of trustees and also serving on the  
22 first board of the Santa Fe community housing trust and  
23 contributing to numerous charities throughout her life; and

24           WHEREAS, Sarah passed away on March 24, 2020, leaving a  
25 legacy of an extraordinary sixty-six-year career as a public

1 servant and as an exceptionally loving and caring wife,  
2 daughter, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister,  
3 colleague and friend;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it extend its appreciation to  
6 Sarah Grace Duran for her sixty-six years of public service  
7 in Santa Fe; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 17, 2023 be  
9 declared "Sarah Grace Duran Day" in the Senate; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the family of Sarah Grace Duran and the  
12 Governor. \_\_\_\_\_

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