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A MEMORIAL

HONORING LOREN AND BARBARA NELSON AND RECOGNIZING THEIR
OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO NEW MEXICO AND ITS
RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, Loren and Barbara Nelson moved to Silver City
from Minnesota in 2010 and immediately began to work in
numerous ways to the benefit of New Mexicans, especially
children; and

WHEREAS, Loren and Barbara Nelson were the first patrons
to bring the Dolly Parton imagination library to New Mexico,
establishing a local affiliate in Grant county in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Dolly Parton imagination library has sent out
more than one hundred ninety-seven million books to children
from birth until the age of five, and the imagination library
of Grant county has delivered more than one hundred fifty-six

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1 thousand nine hundred books; and

2 WHEREAS, the availability of books in the home enables a
3 child's family to read and interact with the child and has been
4 shown to markedly increase a child's likelihood of reading well
5 and succeeding in school; and

6 WHEREAS, parent satisfaction surveys in Grant county and
7 elsewhere have shown very positive results, with families
8 receiving books spending more quality time reading with their
9 children, and the children love receiving a book addressed to
10 them in the mail each month;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
12 OF NEW MEXICO that Loren and Barbara Nelson be honored and
13 recognized for their public service and dedication to New
14 Mexico and its residents, especially its children; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to Loren and Barbara Nelson and their family and to
17 the Dolly Parton imagination library of Grant county.

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