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42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE LEGISLATURE'S CONDOLENCES TO THE SENATE PRESIDENT  
PRO TEMPORE AND HIS FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF MANUEL C. "MEL"  
ARAGON.

WHEREAS, Manuel C. Aragon, "Mel", Manny Aragon's father and  
a former Albuquerque city council member, passed away on January  
4; and

WHEREAS, Mel was active locally in politics and civic  
affairs for many years and acted as a mentor for many,  
personally and politically; and

WHEREAS, Mel was an advocate for the poor and an outspoken  
crusader against pornography; and

WHEREAS, he was a veteran of World War II, served as a  
Bernalillo democratic party precinct chair and served on the  
executive committee. He was a delegate to the 1969

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1 constitutional convention and a member of many civic  
2 organizations, including the model cities board and the flood  
3 control board; and

4 WHEREAS, Mel didn't just serve as a member of a board, he  
5 dove into the problems his neighbors experienced, helping rescue  
6 victims of the floods in the early 1960s, for examples, or  
7 pitching in with his own hands to build the east San Jose  
8 community center and other community centers; and

9 WHEREAS, Mel loved people, believed in their goodness and  
10 showed compassion, generosity and humility throughout his  
11 illustrious career;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Mel be remembered in appreciation of  
14 his contribution to Albuquerque, the state and the lives of all  
15 who knew him; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the condolences of the  
17 legislature be extended to Manny, Charlotte, Richard, Charles  
18 and the extended family of Manuel C. Aragon; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
20 transmitted to his family.