

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF GERONIMO (JERRY) MARTINEZ.

WHEREAS, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez was born on April 13, 1913 in Ancon, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, his parents were Jose Maria Martin and Abelina Sandoval; and

WHEREAS, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez was a life-long farmer in Velarde, New Mexico, where he lived all his life; and

WHEREAS, as a farmer, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez took extreme pride in maintaining his apple orchard, where he gathered his family every year to sort and shine apples; and

WHEREAS, one of the highlights of Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez's career was his thirty-two years of service in the New Mexico state legislature, where he served as sergeant-of-arms for the New Mexico state senate for the past nine years;

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1 and

2 WHEREAS, he was a life-long democrat who was very active
3 in democratic party politics; and

4 WHEREAS, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez also served as
5 commissioner and mayordomo in la Acequia del Medio y la
6 Acequia de los Chicos; and

7 WHEREAS, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez is survived by six
8 children, fifteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren
9 and three sisters; and

10 WHEREAS, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez had a strong belief
11 in tradition and culture and maintained a very strong sense
12 of family as exemplified by his insistence on family
13 gatherings and reunions; and

14 WHEREAS, Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez died on January 15,
15 2000 and is missed very much by his family;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez be
18 remembered as a wonderful father, exceptional grandfather and
19 great-grandfather, respected public servant and a stellar
20 human being; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to members of Geronimo (Jerry) Martinez's family.