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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF
JACK FLYNN.

WHEREAS, Jack Flynn passed away on January 8, 2000; and
WHEREAS, he was the longtime priest at St. Joseph's
Orthodox mission in Santa Fe and editor of a newsletter about
state government; and

WHEREAS, he moved to New Mexico at the age of six,
earned a master's degree in history and journalism from New
Mexico highlands university in 1958, worked as a publications
director for New Mexico highlands university and taught
history and political science there before serving as dean at
northern New Mexico community college; and

WHEREAS, "He knew the history of New Mexico better than
anyone I know in terms of personalities," his close friend
Susan Eagan said. "He was incredibly politically astute.";

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2 WHEREAS, he covered his first legislative session in
3 1959 as a stringer for the *Las Vegas Optic* and enjoyed
4 analyzing political issues in his writing, and in 1980, he
5 purchased a publication, which he renamed *Capitol Government*
6 *Reports*; and

7 WHEREAS, he remained editor and owner of the weekly
8 newsletter until his death and wrote columns for various
9 publications and recently wrote a book, *Profiles in Candor*,
10 which profiled nine government officials in New Mexico
11 history; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as an assistant to former Governor
13 Jack Campbell; and

14 WHEREAS, he attended seminary at Santa Barbara,
15 California before completing his work at the Immaculate Heart
16 of Mary Roman Catholic seminary in Santa Fe and, although he
17 was not ordained as a Roman Catholic priest, he founded St.
18 Joseph's Orthodox mission eighteen years ago; and

19 WHEREAS, his daughter said that being an orthodox priest
20 was a way for him to fulfill his desire to help people. "He
21 was a real priest in helping people through life's passages,"
22 she said. "He enjoyed helping people seek their spiritual
23 paths."; and

24 WHEREAS, another daughter, Angelica Flynn del Rio, said,
25 "He didn't focus on his health problems; he focused on
everyone else's issues; he was very much the public
servant."; and

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