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A MEMORIAL

**RECOGNIZING THE GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO OF J. PAUL AND MARY TAYLOR OF MESILLA.**

WHEREAS, Representative J. Paul Taylor, who traces his New Mexican roots to Juan de Vaca, a soldier who came to the region with Coronado in 1540, and his wife, Mary Taylor, a writer and historian who recently completed a history of Mesilla, have been fixtures at legislative sessions since 1987; and

WHEREAS, J. Paul and Mary Taylor have long championed the causes of schoolchildren, the underserved and those less fortunate than the rest of us, by both sponsoring legislative initiatives and personally offering less well-publicized acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS, J. Paul and Mary Taylor, the parents of seven, grandparents of seventeen and great-grandparents of one,

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1 extended their limitless kindness and generosity to each
2 resident of the state of New Mexico in 2002 by donating their
3 historic 1850s adobe home on the Mesilla plaza, as well as its
4 art and artifacts, to the people of the state through the
5 museum of New Mexico and New Mexico state monuments; and

6 WHEREAS, the Taylors' home, which has been opened to
7 children for tours in the past, is expected to become a state
8 monument and will serve as a reminder for all New Mexicans and
9 for generations of New Mexicans to come of life in New Mexico
10 today and in the past; and

11 WHEREAS, to open one's doors to others is in itself a
12 remarkable act of generosity, but to permanently open one's
13 doors to all is a selfless act rarely seen in today's world;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, J. Paul and Mary Taylor's generous act serves as
16 an example for all New Mexicans to follow;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that on behalf of
19 all New Mexicans, J. Paul and Mary Taylor be recognized for
20 their selfless, utterly personal and generous gift to the
21 people of the state of New Mexico; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to J. Paul and Mary Taylor of Mesilla.