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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOSEFINA GAMBOA BIEL EMERSON.

WHEREAS, Josefina Gamboa Biel Emerson, a resident of Dona Ana county, became well-known for her generous hospitality to residents and tourists and for the traditions she founded and fostered, including the luminaria tradition in Mesilla Plaza; and

WHEREAS, Josefina was the keeper of "Josefina's Gate", the adobe gate that marked the entrance to her magnificent home; and

WHEREAS, she would often offer cuttings from her front yard to tourists who stopped to admire the gate; and

WHEREAS, "Josefina's Gate" was the subject of numerous artistic photographs and paintings and was featured in the magazines Bon Appetit and New Mexico Magazine; and

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WHEREAS, Josefina, who died on October 30, 2001, outlived husbands George M. Biel and David Emerson and at the time of her death had five children, fifteen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Josefina Gamboa Biel Emerson be remembered for her wonderful contributions to the people of Dona Ana county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be delivered to the family of Josefina Gamboa Biel Emerson.

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