

1 A MEMORIAL

2 EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE SENATE ON THE PASSING OF
3 BENJAMIN "BENNIE" O. MARTINEZ.

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5 WHEREAS, Benjamin "Bennie" O. Martinez was born on
6 November 3, 1920 in Chimayo; and

7 WHEREAS, Bennie died on December 16, 2003; and

8 WHEREAS, he was raised in Chimayo, the second son in a
9 pioneer family; and

10 WHEREAS, his grandfather was the first postmaster in
11 Chimayo; and

12 WHEREAS, Bennie was proud of being a part of the
13 "greatest generation" and of his service in the army air
14 corps during World War II, serving in North Africa and Italy
15 and receiving the American theater service ribbon, European
16 Africa Middle Eastern service ribbon, good conduct medal and
17 victory medal; and

18 WHEREAS, he kept in contact with many of his army
19 buddies and attended several reunions; and

20 WHEREAS, Bennie was a model husband, father, grandfather
21 and great-grandfather, and his smile and strong, quiet and
22 solid presence will be greatly missed; and

23 WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his son, police
24 officer Isaac "Ike" Martinez; his parents, Bonifacio and
25 Epifania Martinez; and his brother Celedonio Martinez; and

1 WHEREAS, Bennie is survived by his wife, Elizabeth
2 Martinez; sons Robert, and his wife, Judi, and Ron; and his
3 daughter, Vivian Frietze, and her husband, Jose;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that condolences be expressed on the
6 passing of Benjamin "Bennie" O. Martinez a loving and devoted
7 New Mexican; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to Elizabeth Martinez. _____

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