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2	46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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10	A MEMORIAL
11	COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF PATRICK K. HARDESTY.
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13	WHEREAS, Patrick K. Hardesty was born in Artesia, New
14	Mexico, on March 16, 1963 to Robert and Mickey Hardesty, who
15	now live in Timberon, New Mexico; and
16	WHEREAS, he was valedictorian of the Artesia high school
17	class of 1981; and
18	WHEREAS, during his senior year of high school, he was
19	eagle scout of the year. His eagle project consisted of
20	organizing a fundraising marathon for the march of dimes. He
21	convinced local businesses and other organizations to sponsor
22	teams to run in the marathon, each team member running one mile
23	and passing a baton to the next runner. It was strictly a
24	coincidence that troop 228's team consisted entirely of the
25	high school and Park junior high track teams, so that boy scout
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troop 228 won the event and received lots of publicity; and

WHEREAS, he participated in boys state in 1980, but his greatest pride in high school came from his participation in the Artesia high school bulldog band, where he was a section leader, made New Mexico all-state symphonic band and played French horn in concert season and valve trombone during marching season; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States marine corps, which recognized his leadership ability and sent him to college at the university of Arizona in Tucson. After receiving his degree, he attended officer candidate school and received his commission. During his time with the corps, he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; New Quay, England; and locations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the marine corps in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he spent much of his leave as a volunteer officer with the Tucson police department. When he retired from the marines at age thirty-eight, he had already built up several years of seniority with the Tucson police department. He retired from the marines on a Friday, and on Monday morning he began his full-time career as an officer in Tucson; and

WHEREAS, he achieved his lifelong dream of becoming a licensed pilot; and

WHEREAS, in May 2003, Patrick was shot and killed while chasing a suspect on foot; and

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1 WHEREAS, thousands of law enforcement officers from all over the country attended his funeral; and 2 WHEREAS, a new law enforcement building in Tucson, the 3 4 Twenty-second street substation, which was dedicated on January 5 1, 2004, has been named after Patrick; and WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Demetra; his three 6 7 children, Jacob, Demetria, and Justin; a brother, Edward 8 Hardesty, who is a deputy with the sheriff's department in 9 Tucson; two sisters, Jan of Tucson and Margo, who lives in 10 Hawaii; and a life-time best friend, Frank Prag and his wife 11 C.J. of Mesa, Arizona; 12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF 13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Patrick K. 14 Hardesty be recognized for the full life he lived in the 15 service of country and community and the sacrifice he made in 16 service to his community. 17 - 3 -18 19 20 21 22 23 24

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