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SENATE MEMORIAL 44

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 13, 2006 "ANTOINE PREDOCK DAY" AT THE
SENATE.

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2005, the board of directors of
the American institute of architects announced that Antoine
Predock of Albuquerque was the recipient of the institute's
2006 gold medal; and

WHEREAS, the gold medal, given annually, is the highest
honor the institute confers on an architect to honor the body
of work of that architect; and

WHEREAS, Antoine Predock will be presented this award
February 10, 2006 at the national building museum in
Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Antoine Predock said, upon notification of his
winning the award, "I am deeply honored. In some ways I feel

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1 like my career is just starting; this is the ultimate."; and

2 WHEREAS, Antoine Predock is in select company, following
3 other winners such as Thomas Jefferson, Frank Lloyd Wright,
4 Louis Kahn and I.M. Pei; and

5 WHEREAS, in nominating Antoine Predock for the award,
6 Thomas S. Howorth, chair of the institute's gold medal
7 committee, explained, "Arguably, more than any American
8 architect of any time, Antoine Predock has asserted a personal
9 and place-inspired vision of architecture with such passion and
10 conviction that his buildings have been universally embraced.";
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Antoine Predock's designs grow out of their
13 unique landscapes and are born out of his geographic
14 surroundings, New Mexico and the American West; and

15 WHEREAS, his work includes the famed Turtle Creek house,
16 built in 1993 for bird enthusiasts along a prehistoric trail in
17 Texas, the ballpark for the San Diego Padres baseball team,
18 which reinvents the concept of a stadium as a "garden" rather
19 than a sports complex; and

20 WHEREAS, he also designed the national palace museum in
21 Taiwan; buildings at Stanford and Rice universities; and award-
22 winning buildings such as the Pima community college learning
23 center in Green Valley, Arizona, the federal courthouse in El
24 Paso, Texas, the shadow house in Santa Fe, the Robert Hoag
25 Rawlings public library in Pueblo, Colorado, and the Spencer

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1 theater for the performing arts in Alto, New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, he attended architecture school at the university
3 of New Mexico and Columbia university; and

4 WHEREAS, he approaches design challenges by "listening to
5 the land, building with environmental sensitivity and embracing
6 all facets of a site's culture; and

7 WHEREAS, his spiritual connection to his work is credited
8 as the reason that he has been a legendary American architect;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
10 OF NEW MEXICO that Antoine Predock be congratulated and
11 recognized by proclaiming February 13, 2006 as "Antoine Predock
12 Day" at the senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to Antoine Predock and to the American institute of
15 architects.

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