

A JOINT MEMORIAL

NAMING THE ANNUAL HOUSE-SENATE BASKETBALL GAME "THE RAYMOND RUIZ CHARITY LEGISLATIVE BASKETBALL GAME" AND DEDICATING THE GAME TO HIS MEMORY.

WHEREAS, the annual house-senate basketball game has raised countless dollars for charity, entertained hundreds of loyal fans and prompted scores of legislators to reconsider their exercise regimen; and

WHEREAS, former state representative Raymond Ruiz was a barrel-chested former ironworker who lent his considerable athletic ability, drive and enthusiasm to his house colleagues and teammates in the annual affair during his four years of service in the New Mexico legislature; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Ruiz was an avid supporter of the causes that benefitted from the house-senate basketball game and the epitome of a citizen-legislator, strongly advocating for working men and women around New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Ruiz died while in office on May 9, 2004, and was succeeded by his wife, Harriet Ruiz, who served through 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the annual house-senate basketball game be named "the Raymond Ruiz charity legislative basketball game" and that the game be played each year in his memory.