

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REMEMBERING FORMER FIRST LADY OF NEW MEXICO DEE JOHNSON.

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4 WHEREAS, former first lady of New Mexico Dee Johnson
5 died shortly before Christmas in 2006 at her northern New
6 Mexico home; and

7 WHEREAS, while Dee Johnson was active and successful as
8 a business owner, community volunteer and activist for worthy
9 causes, before, during and after her tenure as first lady,
10 her first priority was always the well-being and education of
11 her children, Seah and Erik; and

12 WHEREAS, as first lady of New Mexico, Dee Johnson
13 preferred to work quietly outside the glare of the public
14 spotlight, but nevertheless lent her name, prestige and
15 energy to numerous causes, including the celebrity art
16 auction to benefit the American diabetes association;
17 construction of an adobe home for habitat for humanity with
18 other first ladies from around the country; the eventual
19 complete prohibition of smoking in the state capitol; and
20 statewide efforts to improve women's health; and

21 WHEREAS, Dee Johnson remained grounded and true to her
22 roots as an ordinary New Mexican while always striving to
23 make an extraordinary difference in the lives of her
24 children, her husband, her neighbors and her fellow New
25 Mexicans; and

1 WHEREAS, New Mexico and its residents owe Dee Johnson a
2 debt of gratitude for the everlasting mark she has left on
3 the state;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that former first lady of New Mexico Dee
6 Johnson be remembered as an outstanding New Mexican and a
7 wonderful mother.

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