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SENATE MEMORIAL

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A MEMORIAL

WELCOMING MICHAEL COOPER AS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE NEW
MEXICO STATE SENATE.

WHEREAS, it is a widely known truism that New Mexico's low
per diem rate and the rigors of running a political campaign
are obstacles that keep many qualified New Mexicans from
running for office; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico senate works diligently to ensure
that a wide range of New Mexicans' views are heard during the
legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cooper is an outstanding New Mexican who
cares deeply about the land of enchantment and who would no
doubt make many valuable contributions to the deliberations of
the senate but who has not been afforded that opportunity,
given his myriad other duties and responsibilities; and

1 WHEREAS, Michael Cooper has dedicated himself to coaching
2 the senate basketball team, and, while he is an outstanding
3 coach as demonstrated by the narrowing margins of the senate's
4 less-than-victorious performances in the house-senate
5 basketball games, there is no doubt that Coach Cooper would
6 contribute more to the team as Senator Cooper; and

7 WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 7 of the constitution of New
8 Mexico makes each house of the legislature the judge of the
9 qualifications of its members;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
11 OF NEW MEXICO that Michael Cooper be made an honorary member of
12 the New Mexico senate with all of the rights and none of the
13 responsibilities of a senator; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as soon as Mr. Cooper accepts
15 his new position, the senate boldly and confidently challenge
16 the house to a rematch.