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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 285 THE "BEN LUJAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, with the passing of esteemed colleague and friend, the late Speaker of the House of Representatives Ben Lujan, we keenly feel that one of the greatest New Mexicans is missing; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan served the state as speaker of the house of representatives from 2001 until 2012; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan has been an inspiration to his fellow New Mexicans since he worked his way from ironworker to Santa Fe county commissioner to legislator and, later, into house leadership leading to the role of speaker of the house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan will always be remembered and loved in New Mexico for his tireless work on behalf of every New Mexican, for creating opportunities for growth, protecting the vulnerable among us and fostering good government; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan was beloved as an "instant friend ... companion ... the man who will cover your back no matter where you are", in the words of Speaker Lujan's predecessor as speaker of the house, Raymond Sanchez; and

