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SENATE MEMORIAL 20

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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A MEMORIAL

IN REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LAURA  
ELIZABETH MARQUARDT ROACH.

WHEREAS, Laura Elizabeth Marquardt Roach, a resident of  
Las Cruces, was born on June 7, 1920 and died on January 1,  
2015; and

WHEREAS, Laura's parents, Gusta Krueger Marquardt and  
Leonard Marquardt, immigrated from their native Germany in the  
early 1900s to find a better life in America; and

WHEREAS, outdoor sports of all kinds were her favorite  
pastimes, and she was often chosen as team captain, taking  
pride in being part of winning city championships; and

WHEREAS, Laura graduated from Washington high school in  
Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and attended the university of  
Wisconsin, where she met her future husband, Eugene Henry

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1 Roach; and

2 WHEREAS, Laura and Eugene married on May 21, 1939 and had  
3 two daughters, Betty Jean and Judith Ann; and

4 WHEREAS, in June 1950, Laura and her family moved to Los  
5 Alamos, where they lived and worked for thirty-three years; and

6 WHEREAS, Laura worked as a secretary at Los Alamos  
7 national laboratory and later as a substitute teacher for the  
8 Los Alamos public school district; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1956, Laura received a bachelor of arts degree  
10 in elementary education with minors in psychology and business  
11 administration, and she received her master's degree from New  
12 Mexico highlands university in 1958; and

13 WHEREAS, Laura pursued her love of learning throughout her  
14 life, receiving numerous grants and awards; and

15 WHEREAS, while in Los Alamos, Laura and Eugene were  
16 involved in establishing Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran church;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Los Alamos provided an opportunity for Laura to  
19 continue her interest in sports, where she learned to ski and  
20 play golf and began running again, leading to competing in  
21 senior olympics events at the local and national levels; and

22 WHEREAS, Laura and Eugene moved to Las Cruces in 1983; and

23 WHEREAS, at age ninety-three, Laura competed in the 2013  
24 national senior games with more than twenty-two thousand other  
25 seniors, winning medals in three swimming events; and

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1           WHEREAS, throughout her life, Laura was active in her  
2 community and church, receiving many awards and accolades; and

3           WHEREAS, Laura was known for her remarkable memory,  
4 interest in meeting people and loyalty to the Green Bay  
5 Packers; and

6           WHEREAS, Laura was preceded in death by her husband of  
7 sixty years, Eugene Roach; her daughter, Judith Roach King; her  
8 granddaughter, Kari Lindsey; her brothers, Dr. William  
9 Marquardt, Edgar Marquardt and Walter Marquardt; and her  
10 sister, Alma Marquardt Leiser; and

11           WHEREAS, Laura is survived by her daughter, Betty Lindsey,  
12 and her husband, Dr. Donald Lindsey; her granddaughter, Kim  
13 Snell, and her husband, Russell; her grandson, Gregory Lindsey;  
14 her great-grandchildren, Brody Snell, Tatum Joseph and her  
15 husband, Zack, Mesa Snell and Summer Snell; her sister, Doris  
16 Noeldner, and her husband, Gerhold; her brother, Dale  
17 Marquardt, and his wife, Penny; and many nieces and nephews;

18           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
19 OF NEW MEXICO that Laura Elizabeth Marquardt Roach be  
20 remembered and that the many accomplishments of her life be  
21 celebrated; and

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the family of Laura Elizabeth Marquardt Roach.