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SENATE MEMORIAL 65

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING SHIRLEY HOOPER-GARCIA IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, Shirley Hooper-Garcia, a former secretary of state and one-time Santa Fe county deputy clerk, died on October 24, 2014 at her home in Roswell; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was the daughter of a sharecropper and was born November 5, 1935 in Meadow, Texas, to Isom F. Collier and Lena C. Collier and was one of thirteen children; and

WHEREAS, in her early years, she worked for private law firms as a legal secretary; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Shirley began a long and distinguished career in state and local government; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was a legislative aide to former Governor Jack Campbell; and

WHEREAS, Shirley was the secretary to the Speaker of the

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1 House of Representatives Walter K. Martinez, was the assistant
2 chief clerk of the house of representatives and was a legal
3 secretary to two New Mexico supreme court justices; and

4 WHEREAS, she went on to serve as the secretary of state,
5 and after that, as the Lea county clerk; and

6 WHEREAS, Shirley also served as an administrator for the
7 office of the public defender in Hobbs and as the chief deputy
8 of the Santa Fe county clerk's office; and

9 WHEREAS, she served on the board of regents of the New
10 Mexico school for the deaf and was one of the founders of the
11 international association of parents of the deaf; and

12 WHEREAS, Shirley took pride in volunteering for many
13 organizations for children with disabilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Shirley wrote short stories and poetry and her
15 hobbies included water aerobics, gardening and doing crossword
16 puzzles "to keep her mind sharp"; and

17 WHEREAS, Shirley left Santa Fe and moved to Roswell in
18 2010; and

19 WHEREAS, Shirley's husband, Edward Garcia, died in 2012,
20 and she is survived by her sons, Greg Hooper and John Hooper,
21 and their families;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
23 OF NEW MEXICO that Shirley Hooper-Garcia be honored for her
24 long and distinguished career as a public servant and for her
25 advocacy for people with disabilities; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the family of Shirley Hooper-Garcia.