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HOUSE MEMORIAL 64

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING WILLIAM EDWARD BOYKIN AND RECOGNIZING HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, William Edward Boykin, who served as state representative for district 37 in Dona Ana county for six years, died on November 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin was born June 27, 1932 in Clarendon, Texas, and he and his family later moved to southern New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin attended grade school in Las Cruces and was a member of the cub scouts and the boy scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, during high school, Mr. Boykin lettered in four sports, was elected senior class president, participated in band and choral music and acted in junior and senior class

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1 plays; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin was awarded a full scholarship to New
3 Mexico state university, where he excelled as a football
4 player, playing quarterback, tight end, split end, defensive
5 end and defensive back as needed; and

6 WHEREAS, while attending New Mexico state university, Mr.
7 Boykin was a sports editor, yearbook editor, vice president of
8 the student governing body and a cadet commander in the
9 school's air force reserve officers' training corps; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1954, Mr. Boykin graduated from New Mexico
11 state university with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism
12 and a master of arts degree in English; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin worked for newspapers in Las Cruces
14 and Artesia before entering the United States air force; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1958, Mr. Boykin separated from the military
16 and entered graduate school; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin married Jo Irving in July 1958, and
18 they both started careers with the Las Cruces public schools,
19 where Mr. Boykin was employed as the head football coach,
20 English teacher, sponsor of the school paper and yearbook and
21 activities director at various times; and

22 WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Boykin joined the Aggie football
23 staff as a linebacker coach for three seasons, after which he
24 worked as a state director for an insurance company for three
25 years; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Boykin and his family moved to
2 Farmington, where Mr. Boykin was a high school assistant
3 principal for eight years and principal for two years; and

4 WHEREAS, a highlight for Mr. Boykin was the unusual
5 opportunity to present diplomas to his children, Marty, Doug
6 and Ken, upon their graduations; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin took early retirement to care for his
8 ailing wife, Jo, who passed away in 1992; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1996, Mr. Boykin married Jane Larson; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin was interim principal of Mesilla
11 valley Christian school, where he served until the end of the
12 1998 school year; and

13 WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2006, Mr. Boykin, a Republican,
14 represented house district 37, which covered Dona Ana county;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin served on the education committee, the
17 taxation and revenue committee, the transportation committee,
18 the enrolling and engrossing committee and numerous interim
19 committees during his terms in office; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin served as coach of the house of
21 representatives basketball team during his tenure as a
22 legislator, leading the team to several important victories
23 over the senate; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin was honored by the *Albuquerque Journal*
25 for his work in sponsoring bills that laid the groundwork for

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1 spaceport America; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Boykin chose not to run for office after
3 2006, and he and his wife, Jane, spent lots of quality time at
4 their cabin, joyous garde, at willow creek ranch, on the
5 northern edge of the Gila wilderness;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that William Edward
8 Boykin be honored for his years of public service and
9 dedication to the residents of New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the family of William Edward Boykin.