

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME THAT
3 PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 285, FROM INTERSTATE 25 EXIT
4 290 TO THE TURNOFF FOR LAMY, AS THE "MAX COLL CORRIDOR".

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6 WHEREAS, Max Coll was one of Santa Fe's treasured
7 characters for almost four decades, moving here from Roswell
8 and completely changing himself from a crew-cut,
9 conservative, Roswell republican to a curly-haired, bolo-tie-
10 wearing, socially liberal, but still fiscally conservative,
11 democrat; and

12 WHEREAS, Max's interest in politics and government was
13 born in the blood, as he was the grandson of Governor James
14 F. Hinkle, nephew of Senator Clarence Hinkle and great-nephew
15 of 1910 constitutional delegate John L. Hinkle; and

16 WHEREAS, Max was first elected to the New Mexico house
17 of representatives in 1966, representing a district in
18 Roswell until 1974, when he resigned to go to law school at
19 the university of New Mexico; and

20 WHEREAS, in 1969, Max followed in his great-uncle's
21 footsteps when he was elected as a delegate to New Mexico's
22 last constitutional convention, chaired by former speaker of
23 the house and future governor, Bruce King, where he served
24 with several members who, like him, became well-known state
25 leaders in the years following the convention; and

1 WHEREAS, Max served as a state representative for
2 thirty-two years, winning sixteen elections, though his years
3 and terms were not consecutive, and he served Santa Fe's
4 house district 47 for twenty-four of those years; and

5 WHEREAS, many people were surprised that Max won
6 election in Santa Fe as a republican in 1980 and were
7 surprised once again when he won his same district as a
8 democrat in 1984, soon after ensuring that his reapportioned
9 district 47 leaned republican and after switching parties
10 before the 1983 legislative session; and

11 WHEREAS, Max Coll represented district 47 with
12 intelligence, integrity and reason and a wicked sense of
13 humor, and he served his district, his city and county of
14 Santa Fe and his state as a statesman and a gentleman; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2006, Max was declared one of Santa Fe's
16 living treasures for his contributions as a legislator and a
17 citizen of Santa Fe; and

18 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe county commission has named the
19 new community center in Eldorado the "Max Coll Corridor
20 Community Center";

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state
23 transportation commission be requested to name that portion
24 of United States highway 285, from interstate 25 exit 290 to
25 the turnoff for Lamy, as the "Max Coll corridor"; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
2 transmitted to the department of transportation, Santa Fe
3 county and Max Coll's widow, Catherine Joyce-Coll.

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