

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 6

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME THAT
12 PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 285, FROM INTERSTATE 25 EXIT
13 290 TO THE TURNOFF FOR LAMY, AS THE "MAX COLL CORRIDOR".

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15 WHEREAS, Max Coll was one of Santa Fe's treasured
16 characters for almost four decades, moving here from Roswell
17 and completely changing himself from a crew-cut, conservative,
18 Roswell republican to a curly-haired, bolo-tie-wearing,
19 socially liberal, but still fiscally conservative, democrat;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Max's interest in politics and government was
22 born in the blood, as he was the grandson of Governor James F.
23 Hinkle, nephew of Senator Clarence Hinkle and great-nephew of
24 1910 constitutional delegate John L. Hinkle; and

25 WHEREAS, Max was first elected to the New Mexico house of

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1 representatives in 1966, representing a district in Roswell
2 until 1974, when he resigned to go to law school at the
3 university of New Mexico; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, many people were surprised that Max won election
15 in Santa Fe as a republican in 1980 and were surprised once
16 again when he won his same district as a democrat in 1984, soon
17 after ensuring that his reapportioned district 47 leaned
18 republican and after switching parties before the 1983
19 legislative session; and

20 WHEREAS, Max Coll represented district 47 with
21 intelligence, integrity and reason and a wicked sense of humor,
22 and he served his district, his city and county of Santa Fe and
23 his state as a statesman and a gentleman; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2006, Max was declared one of Santa Fe's
25 living treasures for his contributions as a legislator and a

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1 citizen of Santa Fe; and

2 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe county commission has named the new
3 community center in Eldorado the "Max Coll Corridor Community
4 Center";

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that the state transportation commission be
7 requested to name that portion of United States highway 285,
8 from interstate 25 exit 290 to the turnoff for Lamy, as the
9 "Max Coll corridor"; and

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