

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A  
3 BRIDGE LOCATED ON INTERSTATE 40, EXIT 47, AT THE CONTINENTAL  
4 DIVIDE, AFTER JACKSON GIBSON.

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6 WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by  
7 name of any department of transportation bridge are submitted  
8 to the state transportation commission for approval; and

9 WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as  
10 a memorial to an event, a person or persons of historical  
11 significance or intended as an honor to a person or persons  
12 of national esteem; and

13 WHEREAS, Jackson Gibson, a lifelong leader and community  
14 advocate, died August 18, 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, Jackson was born in Thoreau, New Mexico, into  
16 the Sage Brush Hill Clan born for the Two Who Came to the  
17 Water Clan; and

18 WHEREAS, Jackson enlisted in the United States army and  
19 served two tours during the Vietnam War; and

20 WHEREAS, Jackson's first tour of duty was from July 1966  
21 to July 1967 and his second tour of duty was from January  
22 1968 to December 1969; and

23 WHEREAS, Jackson was stationed in Pleiku, South Vietnam;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Jackson was assigned to the first airborne army

1 brigade first air cavalry division; and

2 WHEREAS, Jackson was a door gunner on a Huey gunship;  
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4 WHEREAS, as a staunch advocate for his fellow veterans,  
5 Jackson was instrumental in an ongoing effort to locate a  
6 veterans' center in Thoreau; and

7 WHEREAS, Jackson was a public servant who was  
8 independent-minded, strong-willed and outspoken, but was  
9 always a supporter of Native Americans, McKinley county  
10 residents, all New Mexicans and Americans; and

11 WHEREAS, Jackson was a man of strong character with a  
12 sense of humor and an outreaching spirit; and

13 WHEREAS, Jackson served as director of the Navajo film  
14 and media program and director of the department of Navajo  
15 veterans affairs and in several executive positions with the  
16 Thoreau chapter; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2008, Jackson was appointed by Governor Bill  
18 Richardson to the state transportation commission to  
19 represent district 6; and

20 WHEREAS, a fitting honor to recognize Jackson Gibson, a  
21 man held in high esteem for his life of public service and  
22 advocacy for veterans, would be to have a bridge named after  
23 him;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state

1 transportation commission be requested to name a bridge  
2 located on interstate 40, exit 47, at the continental divide,  
3 after Jackson Gibson; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
5 transmitted to the secretary of the state transportation  
6 commission.

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