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A MEMORIAL

HONORING ELAINE ANAYA AND RECOGNIZING HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya was born and raised in Hanover,
Pennsylvania, but met her future husband in Washington, D.C.,
in 1961, when she was working for the United States
department of labor and Toney Anaya was on the staff of then
Senator Joseph M. Montoya; and

WHEREAS, after marrying, in 1969, Elaine Anaya came back
to New Mexico with her husband, where they established their
home in the Sangre de Cristo foothills and raised their three
children; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya developed a strong love for New
Mexico and learned to cook many of New Mexico's traditional
foods; and

WHEREAS, although she reportedly did not like politics,
Elaine Anaya supported her husband when he campaigned for
election as attorney general and later as governor of New
Mexico, as well as for United States senator; and

WHEREAS, before becoming New Mexico's first lady, Elaine
Anaya was a businesswoman who owned electronic office
equipment, incorporated, an office supply company, and
Accents secretarial services; and

WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya served as the twenty-third first

1 lady of New Mexico when her husband served as governor from
2 1983 through 1987; and

3 WHEREAS, during her time as first lady, Elaine Anaya
4 actively promoted the arts through museums and was an
5 advocate for early childhood education; and

6 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya was a talented artist in many
7 media and had her work shown in galleries in Santa Fe; and

8 WHEREAS, following her service as first lady, Elaine
9 Anaya continued to advocate for those who were experiencing
10 homelessness, struggling with behavioral health problems or
11 victims of domestic violence or human trafficking; and

12 WHEREAS, although she served the state in many different
13 ways, the most important consideration for Elaine Anaya was
14 her family and her role as mother to her children; and

15 WHEREAS, Elaine Anaya passed away on November 9, 2021,
16 surrounded by her family and held by her husband;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Elaine Anaya
19 be honored and recognized for her public service and her
20 dedication to New Mexico and its residents; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to former Governor Toney Anaya and his family. _____