

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING LENORE M. NARANJO FOR HER PEERLESS AND DEVOTED  
3 CAREER TO THE NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, in 1976, the late Senator Matias Chacon had  
6 the foresight, to ask a young woman from Española to be his  
7 secretary for the upcoming legislative session, and she  
8 readily agreed; and

9 WHEREAS, when the late senator unexpectedly passed  
10 away before the session even began, Chief Clerk Juanita Pino  
11 felt she should honor Senator Chacon's commitment and  
12 arranged for the woman to be hired as a door attendant by  
13 the sergeant-at-arms; and

14 WHEREAS, thus began Lenore Naranjo's illustrious career  
15 with the New Mexico state senate; and

16 WHEREAS, once Chief Clerk Pino learned of Lenore's  
17 secretarial skills, she convinced Lenore to return the  
18 following year as a secretary, eventually promoting her to  
19 committee secretary; and

20 WHEREAS, when Chief Clerk Pino realized what an  
21 excellent and valuable employee Lenore had become, she chose  
22 Lenore to be her deputy chief clerk; and

23 WHEREAS, when Juanita Pino retired in 1990 and the  
24 chief clerk position was offered to Lenore, she respectfully  
25 declined, as it would have interfered with her daily tee

1 time at the golf course; and

2 WHEREAS, when Margaret Larragoite became chief clerk in  
3 1991, Lenore did agree to accept the part-time position of  
4 deputy chief clerk, a post she held for sixteen years until  
5 Chief Clerk Larragoite retired; and

6 WHEREAS, the state senate realized that Lenore was the  
7 most qualified candidate and elected her as senate chief  
8 clerk in 2008, where she has served enthusiastically and  
9 diligently to this day; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout her storied career with the state  
11 senate, Lenore has performed her duties in each position she  
12 has held with integrity, dedication and professionalism and  
13 has proven to be an outstanding leader, loyal public servant  
14 and, above all, a good friend to each and every senator  
15 regardless of party affiliation; and

16 WHEREAS, under Lenore's tutelage and guidance over the  
17 past fourteen years, many members in the senate chamber have  
18 learned how to become effective legislators; and

19 WHEREAS, this is Lenore's last regular session as chief  
20 clerk of the state senate, and her retirement will leave some  
21 very large shoes to fill; and

22 WHEREAS, Lenore is now looking forward to being a lady  
23 of leisure, spending time with her family, golfing with her  
24 husband, Alex, and pushing that button on the slot machine;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that heartfelt thanks and deep gratitude  
2 be offered to Lenore Naranjo for her many years of  
3 dedication, loyalty and tireless work on behalf of the  
4 senate chamber; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that you shall be missed, Lenore.  
6 ¡Vaya con Dios!; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to Lenore M. Naranjo. \_\_\_\_\_

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