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HOUSE MEMORIAL 41

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING THE LIFE, CAREER AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF L. LAMAR
PARRISH AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES ON HIS PASSING.

WHEREAS, L. Lamar Parrish was born in Livingston, Texas
on August 26, 1936; and

WHEREAS, Lamar Parrish received his bachelor's degree
from the university of New Mexico in 1959 and received the
degree of juris doctor from the university of New Mexico
school of law in 1963, the same year that he became a member
of the New Mexico bar; and

WHEREAS, as a young lawyer, Lamar Parrish clerked for the
tenth circuit court of appeals for Judge Oliver Seth; and

WHEREAS, once he entered into practice as an attorney,
Lamar Parrish practiced in many areas of law, but the area of

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1 Indian law was a passion of his for most of his career; and

2 WHEREAS, while representing the Pueblos of Zia, Isleta,
3 Sandia, San Ildefonso, San Juan and other tribes and tribal
4 and pueblo organizations and subdivisions, Lamar Parrish, as a
5 negotiator and litigator, protected many tribal rights,
6 including those in the areas of taxation, land and water
7 rights and jurisdiction; and

8 WHEREAS, Lamar Parrish had a wry sense of humor and
9 humble demeanor, but had a strong belief in preserving the
10 rights of his clients and ensuring that his tribal clients
11 were treated with the respect that is due a sovereign;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
14 accomplishments of L. Lamar Parrish in his life and his career
15 be acknowledged; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that condolences be extended to
17 the friends and family of L. Lamar Parrish on his passing in
18 May of 1998; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the family of L. Lamar Parrish.

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