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1 twice and playing in three national invitational tournaments
2 and a national collegiate athletic association tournament; and

3 WHEREAS, his winning basketball team brought national
4 prominence to the university, to Albuquerque and to New
5 Mexico, "making hordes of people east of the Mississippi aware
6 that New Mexico is part of the United States", as former Lobo
7 Mel Daniels said; and

8 WHEREAS, Bob King was named western athletic conference
9 coach of the year for 1967 and 1968 and is an inductee in the
10 university of New Mexico athletic hall of fame and the
11 Albuquerque sports hall of fame; and

12 WHEREAS, it was through Bob King's effective and
13 charismatic leadership that Lobo basketball crowds swelled,
14 outstripping the capacity of Johnson gym and requiring the
15 construction of the pit in which over twelve thousand
16 screaming fans watched the Lobos win their first game in
17 December 1966; and

18 WHEREAS, the pit is one of the premier, if not the
19 premier, basketball arenas in the country and the site of some
20 of the most memorable basketball games in New Mexico's and
21 even the nation's history, including the most exciting
22 national collegiate athletic association final ever in 1983;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, without the presence of Bob King, it is doubtful
25 that the pit would ever have been built and it is certain that

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1 the basketball program would not be as respected as it is
2 today; and

3 WHEREAS, it was through Bob King's efforts that Lobo
4 basketball became "Lobomania", the number one sports
5 attraction in New Mexico, and a significant economic boon to
6 the university, the city of Albuquerque and the state; and

7 WHEREAS, the university basketball program is now so
8 successful that it brings in enough revenue to fund almost all
9 of the other sports programs at the university; and

10 WHEREAS, it would be fitting and proper that the pit be
11 named after Bob King solely on the basis of his contributions
12 to the university's sports program, but there are even more
13 compelling reasons to bestow this honor; and

14 WHEREAS, the pit should be named after the man who upheld
15 the highest ideals of institutions of higher learning, who
16 instilled character and discipline in his players, who
17 nurtured the drive for academic success and who did not seek
18 or permit athletic success at the expense of education or
19 ethics; and

20 WHEREAS, the university can be proud of the inspiration
21 of Coach King and his insistence on adherence to the highest
22 ethical standards in the university sports program;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of regents of the
25 university of New Mexico be urged to name the pit in honor of

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Coach Bob King; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico.

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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5 February 9, 1999

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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11 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 30

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Gloria Howes, Co-Chair

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Altamirano, Gorham

Absent: None

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