

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

2 **51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A
12 PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 285 THE "BEN LUJAN MEMORIAL
13 HIGHWAY".

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15 WHEREAS, with the passing of esteemed colleague and
16 friend, the late Speaker of the House of Representatives Ben
17 Lujan, we keenly feel that one of the greatest New Mexicans is
18 missing; and

19 WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan served the state as speaker of the
20 house of representatives from 2001 until 2012; and

21 WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan has been an inspiration to his
22 fellow New Mexicans since he worked his way from ironworker to
23 Santa Fe county commissioner to legislator and, later, into
24 house leadership leading to the role of speaker of the house of
25 representatives; and

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1 WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan will always be remembered and loved
2 in New Mexico for his tireless work on behalf of every New
3 Mexican, for creating opportunities for growth, protecting the
4 vulnerable among us and fostering good government; and

5 WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan was beloved as an "instant
6 friend ... companion ... the man who will cover your back no
7 matter where you are", in the words of Speaker Lujan's
8 predecessor as speaker of the house, Raymond Sanchez; and

9 WHEREAS, many colleagues here in the house and in the
10 senate saw Speaker Lujan as their treasured friend and mentor;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Speaker Lujan loved and was beloved by his home
13 community of Nambe and the entire northern New Mexico area,
14 where he grew up, raised his family and contributed as a
15 community leader; and

16 WHEREAS, at the end of the 2012 legislative session,
17 Speaker Lujan made reference to the state's centennial and
18 said, "I leave you as you begin your journey to the next
19 hundred years";

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state transportation commission be
22 requested to rename a portion of United States highway 285 that
23 travels between Nambe and Española the "Ben Lujan Memorial
24 Highway" so that New Mexicans may remember him on their
25 journeys to the next hundred years; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state transportation commission and to the family of Speaker Ben Lujan.