

Santa Fe County

Resolution No. 2005 - 97

A Resolution in support of naming the New Mexico Department of Transportation District 5 Office Building in Santa Fe in Honor of Former State Senator Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr.

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. was a member of prominent New Mexico and Colorado families. He was born in Ortiz, Colorado on June 22, 1912, the son of Celestino Espinoza, whose grandfather was a famous stock grower at the turn of the century, and Rosalia Chavez de Espinoza of an illustrious New Mexico family and direct descendant of General Jose Chavez who came to Abiquiu from Spain via California to colonize the Piedra Lumbre Grant, and daughter of Francisco P. Chavez, an early Santa Fe attorney; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. served in the New Mexico State Legislature from Santa Fe County for 14 consecutive years, three terms as State Representative from 1943 to 1949 and two terms as State Senator from 1949 to 1957, during which time he was a Republican floor leader in both houses; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. was very active as a Young Republican and served two terms as New Mexico State Chairman of the Young Republicans in the mid 1940's, as Chairman of the 11 Western States Conference of Young Republicans in 1947 and 1948, and as Vice Chairman of the National Federation of Young Republicans in 1951; and

WHEREAS, in 1958 Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. was a Republican candidate for United States Senator; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. served on the New Mexico State Highway Commission from January 25, 1967 to January 26, 1973, and during his tenure served as Chairman and Secretary; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. served on the New Mexico Capital Reciprocity Commission and as a member of the Historic Sites Commission; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr., at the time of his death on June 27, 1991 was a member of the Highway Users Conference and had served on its Board of Directors for several years; and

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WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. was a business man in the oil and gasoline business in the Espanola Valley for many years and a real estate broker from 1965 until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. was very interested in and supportive of the Health Studies Foundation Planned Restoration Project of the Los Luceros Hacienda in Alcalde, the home where his mother was born and reared; and

WHEREAS, Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. was survived by his wife, Josephine G. Espinoza. He was also survived by his son, Carlos Espinoza, and three grandchildren by a son, Reginaldo Espinoza II, who preceded him in death in 1984: Valerie Espinoza, Reginaldo "Chip" Espinoza III and Captain Cholene Espinoza; and by a brother, Donald Espinoza.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS recognizes and honors Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. for his service to the people of Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties and the State of New Mexico as a State and local leader; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE SANTA FE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS supports the New Mexico Department of Transportation naming its District 5 office building in Santa Fe in his honor to be known as the "Reginaldo Espinoza, Sr. Building;" and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the New Mexico Department of Transportation; and

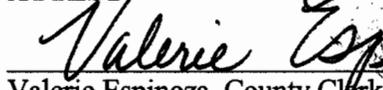
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to a surviving granddaughter, our Santa Fe County Clerk, Valerie Espinoza, and to his other surviving family members.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2005.

SANTA FE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Michael D. Anaya, Chairman
Date: JULY 12th 2005

ATTEST:


Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk
Date: 7/22/05



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Approved as to Form:


Stephen C. Ross, County Attorney
Date: 7-12-05



COUNTY OF SANTA FE)
STATE OF NEW MEXICO) ss
I Hereby Certify That This Instrument Was Filed for Record On The 26TH Day Of July, A D., 2005 at 09:15 And Was Duly Recorded as Instrument # 1390330 Of The Records Of Santa Fe County
Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office

Deputy Marcela Salazar Valerie Espinoza
County Clerk, Santa Fe NM

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