1	SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 6
2	54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL
11	REQUESTING THE STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO NAME A
12	PORTION OF NEW MEXICO HIGHWAY 173 FROM AZTEC TO NAVAJO DAM THE
13	"ABE CHAVEZ, JR., MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".
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15	WHEREAS, requests for the designation or dedication by
16	name of any department of transportation road are submitted to
17	the state transportation commission for approval; and
18	WHEREAS, a requested designation by name is intended as a
19	memorial to an event, a person or persons of significance or
20	intended as an honor to a person or persons of national esteem;
21	and
22	WHEREAS, Abe Chavez, Jr., a respected and successful
23	businessman of Navajo Dam, died on April 21, 2019; and
24	WHEREAS, Abe was born in Belen, the first of five children
25	in his family; and
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<u>underscored material = new</u> [<del>bracketed material</del>] = delete WHEREAS, Abe and his wife, Patsy Atencio, were married for sixty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Abe built his first duplex in Farmington at the age of sixteen; later, Abe and Patsy worked tirelessly to build a very successful business, Abe's motel and fly shop, in Navajo Dam on the San Juan river; and

WHEREAS, Abe and his family's business endeavors went on to include a post office, gas station, convenience store, restaurant, motel and boat storage; and

WHEREAS, the family fishing supply store, along with its restaurant and motel, has been a popular destination over the past six decades in Navajo Dam; and

WHEREAS, it would be a fitting honor to recognize Abe Chavez, Jr., who was instrumental in making the San Juan river the destination it is today for the fishing community, by having a section of a highway named after him;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state transportation commission be requested to rename a portion of New Mexico highway 173 from Aztec to Navajo Dam as the "Abe Chavez, Jr., Memorial Highway"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state transportation commission and the family of Abe Chavez, Jr.

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