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Requesting The Governor Of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, To Name US
Route 491 In Honor Of The Late Senator Dr. John Pinto**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0177-19

DATE: June 25, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM, TO NAME US HIGHWAY 491 IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR DR. JOHN PINTO

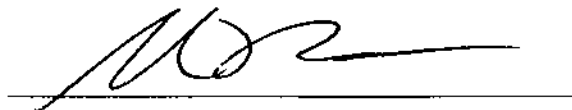
PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to respectfully request that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham name US Highway 491 in honor of the late Senator Dr. John Pinto in recognition of Senator Dr. Pinto's legacy of strong advocacy and dedicated work to enhance the lives of the Diné of the Great Navajo Nation.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; RESPECTFULLY
12 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO, MICHELLE LUJAN
13 GRISHAM, TO NAME US ROUTE 491 IN HONOR OF THE LATE SENATOR
14 DR. JOHN PINTO

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

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18 **Section One. Authority**

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
20 Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to
21 coordinate all state programs, including education in public schools. *See* 2 N.N.C. §§
22 700 (A), 701 (A)(6).
23 B. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of
24 New Mexico.

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26 **Section Two. Findings**

- 27 A. US Route 491 runs from Gallup, NM to Shiprock, NM within transportation districts
28 five and six.
29 B. Senator Dr. John Pinto, representative to the 3rd District of New Mexico, passed away
30 on May 24, 2019.

1 C. Senator Dr. John Pinto was elected to Senate in 1977, and held this position until his
2 passing on May 24, 2019, making him New Mexico's longest serving member of
3 Senate.

4 D. Senator Dr. John Pinto was born in Lupton, Arizona on Navajo Nation and was Dibé
5 Lizhiní (Black Sheep Clan), born for Táchii'nii (Red Running Into the Water People
6 Clan). His maternal grandfather was Tl'izilani (Many Goats Clan), and his paternal
7 grandfather was Naaneesht'ézhí Táchii'nii (Charcoal-Streaked Division of the Red
8 Running into the Water Clan) from the Standing Rock, Navajo Nation area.

9 E. Senator Dr. John Pinto enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1941 and served
10 as a Navajo Code Talker during World War II.

11 F. Senator Dr. John Pinto served as a member of the Indian and Cultural Affairs
12 Committee and Senate and Education Committee.

13 G. Senator Dr. John Pinto was a pillar of the local community and gave his unwavering
14 service to not only Navajo Nation, but also the state of New Mexico, and the United
15 States. He was revered by both his local constituents in Navajo Nation and his
16 colleagues in the Senate. While working in Washington D.C. he continued his
17 dedication to local communities both on Navajo Nation and throughout New Mexico.
18 Because of his tireless dedication and support, Navajo Nation requests that US Route
19 491 be named after Senator Dr. John Pinto to honor his legacy.

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21 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

22 The Navajo Nation hereby respectfully requests that Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
23 name US Route 491 in honor of the late Senator Dr. John Pinto in recognition of Senator
24 Dr. Pinto's legacy of strong advocacy and dedicated work to enhance the lives of the
25 Diné of the Great Navajo Nation.