

Governor Bill Richardson Orders Flags Flown at Half Staff to Honor Navy Secretary Nominee Colin McMillan and APS Superintendent Joseph Vigil

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SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson has ordered that flags in New Mexico be flown at half-staff for one week in memory of Secretary of the Navy nominee Colin McMillan and Albuquerque Public Schools Lead Superintendent Joseph Vigil. McMillan, a former state legislator and longtime Republican Party leader died last Thursday, July 24th, at his Otero County ranch. Vigil, whose APS career as a teacher, principal, and superintendent spanned more than 20 years, passed away early Sunday morning.

Here is a copy of the Executive Order:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-032

WHEREAS, Joe Vigil and Colin McMillan dedicated their lives to public service, contributed to programs of local and national importance and provided leadership that inspired people of all ages and walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Joe Vigil dedicated his life to educating the youth of New Mexico, was a forward-thinking educator for more than 20 years who cared deeply about the lives of children in our State and excelled as a Superintendent for the Albuquerque Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Colin McMillan's unquestionable leadership included service in the New Mexico House of representatives for 11 years, as an assistant Secretary of Defense for our national government as well as being a strong community and business leader. President Bush's recent nomination of McMillan to serve as civilian head of the Navy is most indicative of his success and dedication; and

WHEREAS, as the result of their tragic and untimely deaths, the thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the families of Joe Vigil and Colin McMillan as well as a heartfelt thank you for their service to the people of New Mexico;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diane D. Denish, Acting Governor of the State of New Mexico pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Monday, July 28, 2003, through sundown Sunday, August 3, 2003, in mourning and in honor of Joe Vigil and Colin McMillan.

ATTEST:

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 28th DAY OF JULY, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

DIANE D. DENISH
LT. GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO HER
AUTHORITY AS ACTING GOVERNOR