



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

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LAS CRUCES - Governor Bill Richardson today issued the following statement and ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of former State Senator and Sandoval County Commissioner Joe Lang.

“The untimely death of former State Senator and Sandoval County Commissioner Joe Lang is saddening to us all,” said Governor Bill Richardson. “Joe was a dear friend and will be greatly missed. He will be remembered for his lifelong devotion to the people of New Mexico. I have ordered flags to be flown at half-staff in honor and gratitude of his extraordinary life. His knowledge of the law and his love for our state combined to leave an indelible mark on all of us. I want to express my deep personal condolences to his family and to his friends.”

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-052

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF SENATOR EDMUND “JOE” LANG

WHEREAS, Edmund “Joe” Lang, a former member of the New Mexico State Senate, passed away Wednesday, September 22nd;

WHEREAS, Senator Lang was born September 28, 1946 in Pinehurst, North Carolina, and attended Albuquerque’s Highland High School and the University of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Senator Lang is survived by his wife, Kathy, and two children, Zach and Jake;

WHEREAS, Senator Lang was a State Senator from 1977-1980, representing Albuquerque;

WHEREAS, Senator Lang remained active in public life following his term in the State Senate, and served on the Sandoval County Commission from 1991-2000; and

WHEREAS, Senator Lang will be long remembered for his many contributions to the citizens of the State of New Mexico during his career as a Senator, County Commissioner, attorney and advocate; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, September 23, 2004, through Friday, September 24, 2004, in mourning and in honor of Senator Edmund "Joe" Lang. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family and friends of Senator Lang as well as a heartfelt thank you for his many years of public service.

ATTEST:
OFFICE THIS

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REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
THE GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE
MEXICO

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE

23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER,

WITNESS MY HAND AND

OF THE STATE OF NEW

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR