



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

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Governor

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Governor Richardson lowers flags to honor State Representative Avon Wilson

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson today ordered flags to fly at half-staff to honor State Representative Avon Wilson, 76, who passed away after a courageous battle with cancer. Representative Wilson worked as a public school teacher for 25 years, as well as the ENMU-Roswell Adult Basic Education Program. She was extremely active in the community, serving on many boards, and receiving numerous community awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Leadership Roswell Alumni Association.

Representative Wilson is survived by her husband, Bill Wilson, and a sister, Roma Wilcke.

In honor of Representative Wilson's service to the State of New Mexico, Governor Richardson ordered state flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, July 13, 2006, until sundown on Friday, July 14, 2006.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-040

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE AVON WILSON

WHEREAS, Representative Avon Wilson, age 76, passed away on Monday, July 10, 2006, after a courageous battle with cancer;

WHEREAS, Representative Wilson was born on September 24, 1929, in Wichita Falls, Texas;

WHEREAS, Representative Wilson graduated from Wichita Falls Senior High School and went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and Education from North Texas State College and a Master of Education Administration from Eastern New Mexico University;

WHEREAS, Representative Wilson worked as a public school teacher for 25 years, as well as the ENMU-Roswell Adult Basic Education Program. Representative Wilson was extremely active in the community, serving on many boards, and receiving numerous community awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Leadership Roswell Alumni Association. Representative Wilson served Roswell, Chaves County, and the State of New Mexico with honor and distinction. She was an outstanding educational and civic leader in Chaves County and the State of New Mexico for many years. Her influence extended all over the state, and she touched countless lives during her exemplary career of public service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Wilson is survived by her husband, Bill Wilson, and a sister, Roma Wilcke.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Thursday, July 13, 2006, until sundown on Friday, July 14, 2006, in honor and mourning of Representative Avon Wilson. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to her family as well as a heartfelt thank you for her service to New Mexico.

ATTEST:
THIS

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
GREAT SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

13TH DAY OF JULY, 2006

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR