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Governor Bill Richardson Lowers Flags to Honor Former Albuquerque Mayor Harry Kinney

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson has taken executive action to honor former Albuquerque Mayor Harry Kinney who passed away this week. Governor Richardson ordered all state flags be flown at half staff May 11 through May 12, 2006.

Kinney served on the Bernalillo County Commission, the Albuquerque City Commission and the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments. He also served as special assistant to Senator Pete Domenici. Mr. Kinney was elected mayor of Albuquerque in 1974 and was re-elected again in 1981, and served until 1985.

The text of the Governor's Executive Order follows:

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-022

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF HARRY KINNEY

WHEREAS, Harry Kinney, age 81, passed away on Tuesday, May 9, 2006;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinney was born in Trinidad, Colorado on June 7, 1924, and his family moved to Raton, New Mexico when he was a child;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinney graduated from Raton High School and then the University of New Mexico, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinney was a member of the US Navy, served in the Korean War and remained active in the Naval Reserves. He was an appliance store owner, staff engineer at Sandia National Laboratories, a general contractor and a notorious cab driver. Mr. Kinney served on the

Bernalillo County Commission, the Albuquerque City Commission and the Middle Rio Grande Council of Governments. He also served as special assistant to Senator Pete Domenici. Mr. Kinney was elected mayor of Albuquerque in 1974 and was re-elected again in 1981, and served until 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinney is survived by his wife, Pamela Tillery-Kinney, children Charlotte Kinney and Don Kinney, step children Russell Mitchell, II, Thomas Roberts, Margaret Robert and Shelley Roberts, a brother Donald Kinney, numerous grandchildren, a niece, nephews, great-nephews and nieces.

WHEREAS, Mr. Kinney's patriotism and dedication to the State of New Mexico will always be remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Governor 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, May 11, 2006, until sundown on Friday, May 12, 2006, in honor and mourning of Harry Kinney. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to his family as well as a heartfelt thank you for his service to New Mexico.

ATTEST:

THIS 11TH

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
DAY OF MAY, 2006**

**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SEAL
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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

**BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO**