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Los Volcanes 50+ Sports & Fitness Center Dedicated to Mr. Joe O. Armijo

ALBUQUERQUE—Mayor Richard J. Berry and City Councilor Ken Sanchez will recognize Mr. Joe O. Armijo for his work on behalf of the senior community in our city. Mr. Armijo dedicated his time to the lives and well-being of the senior citizens of Albuquerque. He served the community through his appointment as a member of the Department of Senior Affairs Advisory Council for close to 10 years and served as Advisory Council President for some of those years. Mr. Armijo and his wife, Mary Lou Vau Armijo, shared their time with other seniors during breakfast almost every morning at the Los Volcanes Senior Center. At 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, the Los Volcanes 50+ Sports & Fitness Center will be named the *Joe O. Armijo Los Volcanes 50+ Sports & Fitness Center*. The facility is adjacent to the Los Volcanes Senior Center, located at 6500 Los Volcanes NW 87121.

In addition to Mr. Armijo's work with the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs, he served the USA in World War II and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the New Mexico Court Association, and the New Mexico Officials Association.

"It is an honor to commemorate Mr. Armijo's dedication to the senior community in Albuquerque by naming the Los Volcanes Sports & Fitness Center after him. As a member and the Chairman of the Senior Affairs Advisory Council, he was instrumental in the development of this Fitness Center. This is only a small token of our appreciation for all of Mr. Armijo's dedication," stated City Councilor Ken Sanchez.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize Mr. Armijo in this way. He volunteered many hours selflessly to ensure that seniors in our community had the chance to socialize with one another on a regular basis in great spaces," stated Mayor Richard J. Berry. He went on to say that, "during this week of Thanksgiving, the City of Albuquerque is thankful for the efforts put forth by individuals such as Mr. Armijo."

Mr. Armijo was a devoted father to his 11 children and a devoted grandfather to numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Mr. Armijo passed away on April 10, 2009.

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