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Proposed Assignment: Emergency Legislation

Title: A Memorial in Honor of Dr. John T. Harrington

Dr. John T. Harrington, 49, a resident of Rociada for nearly twenty years and former resident of Las Cruces, NM was killed on June 6, 2011 in a bicycle accident.

Since 1992, John was based at NMSU's Mora Forestry Research Center and was Professor of Tree Physiology as well as Superintendent of the Research Center. In 2006, he took a six-month sabbatical during which he worked for the USDA Forest Service – Research Policy Analysis group in Washington, DC. In 2010, he went to Afghanistan on behalf of NMSU to work with US AID, the US Military and the Afghan government to restore Afghanistan's watersheds and forests. He also served on numerous federal, state and regional committees.

John loved the outdoors and was an avid marathoner, completing over 100 marathons and ultra-marathons. A former Sapello/Rociada volunteer fireman and former member of the San Miguel Search and Rescue team, John generously gave of his time to serve others.

Respected by everyone he worked with from federal policy makers to local land owners, John will be missed. As described by one of his co-workers, John was "a darn good person."

The NMSU Faculty Senate offers its sincere condolences to his family, friends and colleagues.