

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3742

To designate the United States courthouse located at 100 North Church Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico, as the “Edwin L. Mechem United States Courthouse”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2011

Mr. PEARCE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Edwin L. Mechem was a land surveyor with
6 the United States Reclamation Service in Las
7 Cruces, New Mexico, from 1932–1935.

8 (2) He served as a member of the New Mexico
9 State Police Commission.

1 (3) He was a Special Agent with the Federal
2 Bureau of Investigation.

3 (4) He attended the New Mexico College of Ag-
4 riculture and Mechanic Arts, which later became the
5 New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New
6 Mexico.

7 (5) He was admitted to the New Mexico bar in
8 1939, and practiced law in Albuquerque and Las
9 Cruces, New Mexico.

10 (6) He served in the New Mexico House of
11 Representatives from 1947–1948.

12 (7) He was the first New Mexico governor born
13 in New Mexico after statehood.

14 (8) He served four terms as Governor of New
15 Mexico between 1951 and 1962.

16 (9) He served as a United States Senator from
17 New Mexico from 1962–1964.

18 (10) He was confirmed by the United States
19 Senate as an United States District Judge for the
20 District of New Mexico on October 8, 1970, and
21 served in that position until his death in 2002.

22 (11) He led a rich and accomplished life dedi-
23 cated to public service which warrants recognition.

1 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

2 The United States courthouse located at 100 North
3 Church Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico, shall be known
4 and designated as the “Edwin L. Mechem United States
5 Courthouse”.

6 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

7 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,
8 paper, or other record of the United States to the United
9 States courthouse referred to in section 1 shall be deemed
10 to be a reference to the “Edwin L. Mechem United States
11 Courthouse”.

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