

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3742

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 24, 2012

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and  
Public Works

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## AN ACT

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”.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

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

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

8 (3) He was a Special Agent with the Federal  
9 Bureau of Investigation.

10 (4) He attended the New Mexico College of Ag-  
11 riculture and Mechanic Arts, which later became the  
12 New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New  
13 Mexico.

14 (5) He was admitted to the New Mexico bar in  
15 1939, and practiced law in Albuquerque and Las  
16 Cruces, New Mexico.

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

19 (7) He was the first New Mexico governor born  
20 in New Mexico after statehood.

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

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

25 (10) He was confirmed by the United States  
26 Senate as a United States District Judge for the

1 District of New Mexico on October 8, 1970, and  
2 served in that position until his death in 2002.

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

5 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

6 The United States courthouse located at 100 North  
7 Church Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico, shall be known  
8 and designated as the “Edwin L. Mechem United States  
9 Courthouse”.

10 **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

11 Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document,  
12 paper, or other record of the United States to the United  
13 States courthouse referred to in section 2 shall be deemed  
14 to be a reference to the “Edwin L. Mechem United States  
15 Courthouse”.

Passed the House of Representatives July 23, 2012.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,

*Clerk.*