

## House Calendar No. 149

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

# H. R. 3742

[Report No. 112-613]

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”.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2011

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

JULY 19, 2012

Additional sponsors: Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr.  
CARTER, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California

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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.

10          (3) He was a Special Agent with the Federal  
11        Bureau of Investigation.

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

16          (5) He was admitted to the New Mexico bar in  
17        1939, and practiced law in Albuquerque and Las  
18        Cruces, New Mexico.

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

21          (7) He was the first New Mexico governor born  
22        in New Mexico after statehood.

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

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

3           (10) He was confirmed by the United States  
4           Senate as a United States District Judge for the  
5           District of New Mexico on October 8, 1970, and  
6           served in that position until his death in 2002.

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

9   **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION.**

10          The United States courthouse located at 100 North  
11          Church Street in Las Cruces, New Mexico, shall be known  
12          and designated as the “Edwin L. Mechem United States  
13          Courthouse”.

14   **SEC. 3. REFERENCES.**

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



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