



**REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NEW MEXICO STATEMENT ON THE
PASSING OF LONGTIME U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE JAMES A.
PARKER**



Albuquerque, September 18—The Republican Party of New Mexico is saddened by the news that Senior U.S. District Judge James A. Parker has passed away. Parker served the District of New Mexico for more than 30 years. He was 85.

Judge Parker was nominated to the District Court by President Reagan and confirmed later that year. In 2000 he was elevated to Chief Judge before becoming a Senior Judge in 2003.

Parker was an extraordinary judge and legal scholar whose work and energy were exemplary.

The following is a statement from Harvey Yates, former Republican Party of New Mexico Chairman and National Committeeman and a retired member of the New Mexico State Bar:

“Jim Parker was the essence of what a judge should be: an honorable man, a thorough lawyer, a fair judge, a steady hand on the helm, a judge uninfluenced by the political winds, and a man with a great work ethic. Judge Parker will be missed by all of his friends and by this state which is in dire need of more men and women of his character.”