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SANTA FE — On Jan. 16 Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham issued the following statement upon news of the death of former state Sen. James White, R- Dist. 19:

"I am saddened to learn of the passing of Jim White. He was an honorable public servant. He served his country as a member of the Air Force and his state as a representative and later senator. His district was well-served by his willingness to put his constituents before party interests. I offer my condolences to his family and friends, and my prayers are with those who loved him."

Lujan Grisham ordered state flags to half-staff from Jan 19-21 in memory of the late senator.

White served Dist. 19 from 2016-2020.