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HOUSE MEMORIAL 40

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2024 "DEMING LUNA COUNTY SILVER SPIKES DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, in the mid-1970s, several business people from the city of Deming and Luna county formed a local nonpartisan group to greet prospective new businesses and industries and visiting dignitaries; and

WHEREAS, the small rural community area benefited from the opportunities provided by the organization; and

WHEREAS, the name "silver spikes" comes from the ceremony held when, in March 1881, a silver spike was driven into the railroad at Deming to mark the completion of the second transcontinental railroad, which united the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads; and

WHEREAS, with the completion of the railroad, Deming and

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1 Luna county began to experience growth; and

2 WHEREAS, Deming has always been known for its hospitality,
3 beginning with its famous Harvey house restaurant and Harvey
4 girls, making Deming a must-stop for rail travelers; and

5 WHEREAS, the Harvey girls were Deming's predecessors to
6 the Deming Luna county silver spikes; and

7 WHEREAS, the Deming Luna county silver spikes members were
8 called upon to greet new members of the community; and

9 WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the community leaders realized the
10 Deming Luna county silver spikes could serve a valuable role by
11 visiting Santa Fe each year during the legislative session and
12 meeting with the governor and select department officials to
13 discuss the area's local needs; and

14 WHEREAS, also during the 1980s, the benefit of bringing
15 together elected officials and administrators of Deming, the
16 village of Columbus and Luna county school districts to express
17 their needs was recognized; and

18 WHEREAS, during the legislative session, a large reception
19 is held one evening for invited guests; and

20 WHEREAS, the Deming Luna county silver spikes have
21 provided a valuable venue to promote the needs of the area and
22 assist with the creation of new businesses and industries;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
25 2024 be declared "Deming Luna County Silver Spikes Day" in the

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1 house of representatives; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the Deming Luna county silver spikes.

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