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HOUSE MEMORIAL 11

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014**

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE RAMON HUERTA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS,  
DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, former Representative Ramon Huerta died in  
Albuquerque on October 28, 2013 at the age of eighty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta was born in Kansas City,  
Kansas, but was raised in east San Jose, Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Albuquerque high school in  
1943, Representative Huerta entered the service as a radar  
technician in the United States 29th Army air corps, and he was  
a World War II veteran, having been stationed from 1943 to 1946  
in Burma, China and India; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the military, Representative Huerta  
dedicated his life to education, attending the university of  
New Mexico, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1950

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1 and a master of arts degree with honors in 1956; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Huerta began his career as an  
3 educator teaching Spanish at Highland high school in  
4 Albuquerque from 1955 to 1985, and also taught Spanish on  
5 television for Albuquerque public schools and at the Peace  
6 Corps training center at the university of New Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Huerta served as president of the  
8 Albuquerque classroom teachers' association of the New Mexico  
9 association of classroom teachers, in addition to serving on  
10 the executive committee of the national education association  
11 in Washington, D.C., and as a delegate to the world conference  
12 of teachers in 1973, in Nairobi, Kenya; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2002, Representative Huerta was awarded the  
14 distinguished Zia award, which honors New Mexico residents and  
15 university of New Mexico alumni who have contributed to  
16 philanthropic endeavors, acknowledging his dedication and  
17 service to his students and community; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Huerta may have left the classroom  
19 behind, but never his passion for education, while he pursued  
20 public service in the house of representatives from 1988 to  
21 1994; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Huerta served on six legislative  
23 committees, including the legislative education study  
24 committee, the house education committee and the house consumer  
25 and public affairs committee; and

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1           WHEREAS, Representative Huerta was selected by his  
2           colleagues in the house to serve as the democratic caucus chair  
3           from 1991 to 1994; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Huerta forever left his mark on  
5           education in New Mexico with his signature piece of  
6           legislation, House Bill 17 (1993), which promoted education  
7           reform and included provisions for school nurses; and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Huerta is survived by his wife of  
9           fifty-seven years, Evelyn; his daughters, Lisa and Shila; nine  
10          grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren;

11          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
12          REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Representative  
13          Ramon Huerta be recognized for his outstanding service to the  
14          state of New Mexico and that condolences be expressed to his  
15          family; and

16          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
17          transmitted to the family of Representative Ramon Huerta.

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