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HOUSE MEMORIAL 101

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

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING HOUSE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GILBERT LOPEZ.

WHEREAS, after twenty-three years of working at the state capitol, Gilbert Lopez, the sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, is retiring at the end of the 2014 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert was elected house sergeant-at-arms in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Gilbert is in constant attendance while the house of representatives is in session and enforces the order on the floor of the house, as well as in the lobbies, galleries, passages and rooms connected to the house floor; and

WHEREAS, the sergeant-at-arms also ensures that only people who have permission are allowed on the house floor; and

WHEREAS, the sergeant-at-arms is responsible for the

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1 preparation of bill packages for the house of representatives;
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3 WHEREAS, Gilbert, who himself is a snappy dresser, is also
4 responsible for enforcing the house dress code, which requires
5 ties, including bolo ties, and a jacket for men and
6 "professional dress" for women; and

7 WHEREAS, always the consummate problem solver, Gilbert
8 keeps spare coats and ties on hand for members and visitors who
9 need assistance with adhering to the dress code; and

10 WHEREAS, Gilbert always ensures in a courteous and
11 professional manner that protocol is followed; and

12 WHEREAS, Gilbert's patience, understanding and fairness as
13 a boss has generated the fierce loyalty of his staff; and

14 WHEREAS, Gilbert is described as a "great mentor" by his
15 staff and exemplifies what makes a good leader; and

16 WHEREAS, Gilbert is credited with always giving his staff
17 credit for the professional way in which business is conducted
18 in the house of representatives; and

19 WHEREAS, Gilbert has a reputation as an excellent singer
20 and dancer and enjoys visits to the local casinos; and

21 WHEREAS, Gilbert credits his outstanding team with making
22 the many-faceted, complicated business of session work run
23 seamlessly; and

24 WHEREAS, Gilbert has looked forward to coming to work each
25 session and especially appreciated the camaraderie of his

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1 colleagues; and

2 WHEREAS, Gilbert is dedicated to his family and looks
3 forward to spending more time with his wife, children and
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Gilbert has served as house sergeant-of-arms with
6 dedication, professionalism and dignity;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that gratitude be
9 extended to Gilbert Lopez for his years of exemplary service as
10 the house sergeant-at-arms; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that best wishes be extended to
12 Gilbert in his retirement; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to House Sergeant-at-Arms Gilbert Lopez.

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