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HOUSE MEMORIAL 6

**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER GENERAL  
TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE  
FIFTIETH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA.

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Albuquerque international balloon  
fiesta began with participation of thirteen hot air balloons;  
and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Albuquerque international  
balloon fiesta has grown into the world's largest hot air  
ballooning event, hosting as many as one thousand balloons; and

WHEREAS, for nine days starting the first Saturday of  
October, pilots, crews and spectators from all over the world  
attend the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of balloons lift off at dawn each  
morning of the balloon fiesta and tethered balloons glow in the

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1 evenings as propane burners inflate the balloons against a dark  
2 sky; and

3 WHEREAS, the event has been visited by millions of people  
4 since the balloon fiesta's inception and is said to be the  
5 world's most photographed event; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2021, the fiftieth Albuquerque international  
7 balloon fiesta will be held; and

8 WHEREAS, visitors and aficionados collect memorabilia  
9 representing the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

10 WHEREAS, a postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth annual  
11 Albuquerque international balloon fiesta would be a treasured  
12 remembrance of the event; and

13 WHEREAS, the citizens' stamp advisory committee is charged  
14 with reviewing subjects for commemorative stamps and for  
15 recommending new subjects for commemorative stamps to the  
16 United States postal service postmaster general for  
17 determination;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United  
20 States postal service postmaster general be encouraged to  
21 support the issuance of a postage stamp commemorating the  
22 fiftieth Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the citizens' stamp advisory committee of the  
25 United States postal service and the board of directors of the

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Albuquerque international balloon fiesta.

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