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HOUSE MEMORIAL 116

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

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE JAMES E. SMITH AND RECOGNIZING HIS  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Representative James E. Smith, a Republican, will  
be retiring after serving four terms in the house of  
representatives; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, Representative Smith has represented  
district 22, covering Bernalillo, Sandoval and Santa Fe  
counties; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith is a member of the  
appropriations and finance committee and the education  
committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smith chaired the government,  
elections and Indian affairs committee from 2015 to 2016 and is  
a former member of the regulatory and public affairs committee

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1 as well as the voters and elections committee; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Smith graduated with a bachelor of  
3 science degree in wildlife management from Northwestern state  
4 university in 1977 and a bachelor of arts degree in secondary  
5 science education from the college of Santa Fe in 1996; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Smith is a former teacher who  
7 taught high school science and technology and who owns a  
8 computer consulting business; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a tireless advocate  
10 for New Mexico's students and has worked on numerous efforts to  
11 support student achievement, increase parental involvement in  
12 education and increase funding for evidence-based early  
13 childhood education programs; and

14 WHEREAS, one of Representative Smith's top priorities  
15 throughout his legislative career has been to develop a  
16 statewide broadband network to improve access for residents and  
17 businesses and to develop a workforce that attracts business to  
18 the state; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Smith has been a steadfast  
20 proponent of government transparency and accountability and has  
21 sponsored legislation to improve lobbyist reporting and  
22 increase voter access; and

23 WHEREAS, in June 2017, Representative Smith was honored by  
24 New Mexico first with the spirit of bipartisanship award for  
25 being a leader who put good policy above partisan politics;

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