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55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE MAY 16, 2021 AS "FABIOLA CABEZA DE BACA GILBERT DAY" IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert led a storied life as an educator, nutritionist, activist and writer; and

WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert was born on May 16, 1894 in Las Vegas, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert attended a public school run by New Mexico normal university, in 1906 spent a year studying in Spain and in 1912 earned an elementary school teaching certificate from New Mexico normal university; and

WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert earned a bachelor of arts degree from New Mexico normal university and a degree in home economics from the New Mexico college of agricultural and mechanic arts in 1927; and

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1 WHEREAS, May 16, 2021 is her one hundredth anniversary as
2 a graduate of New Mexico normal university, later known as New
3 Mexico highlands university; and

4 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert married Carlos
5 Gilbert in 1931; and

6 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert is the author of
7 *Historic Cookery: Authentic New Mexican Food*, published in
8 1931, the earliest cookbook of New Mexico foods popularizing
9 cooking with chile; and

10 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert revised her
11 cookbook to include menus in 1951; and

12 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert is noted in
13 several publications and online sites that include New Mexico
14 history, wikipedia and New Mexico women; and

15 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert is credited as the
16 inventor of the u-shaped fried taco shell; and

17 WHEREAS, Lois Rudnick published *La Fabulosa Fabiola:*
18 *First Lady of New Mexico Cuisine* in 2012 and cited Fabiola
19 Cabeza de Baca Gilbert's u-shaped fried taco shell invention in
20 the book; and

21 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert was also featured
22 in a 2012 *El Palacio* magazine article by Lois Rudnick; and

23 WHEREAS, Fabiola Cabeza de Baca Gilbert was also featured
24 in Jeffrey Pilcher's book *Planet Taco: A Global History of*
25 *Mexican Food*; and

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