

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DENNIS J. ROCH AND HIS OUTSTANDING
3 SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, after serving five terms, Representative Dennis
6 J. Roch is retiring from the New Mexico legislature at the
7 end of the 2018 session; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Roch, a Republican, represents
9 district 67, covering Colfax, Curry, Harding, Quay,
10 Roosevelt, San Miguel and Union counties; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Roch is the superintendent of
12 the Logan municipal school district and is a leading voice on
13 education issues; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Roch was the vice chair of the
15 education committee from 2015 to 2016 and a committee member
16 from 2009 to 2014 and from 2017 to 2018; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Roch also was a member of the
18 appropriations and finance committee from 2015 to 2016; a
19 labor and human resources committee member from 2009 to 2010;
20 a taxation and revenue committee member from 2011 to 2014;
21 and a state government, Indian and veterans affairs committee
22 member from 2017 to 2018; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Roch was the chair of the
24 interim legislative education study committee from 2015 to
25 2016 and a committee member from 2009 to 2018; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Roch also served on the interim
2 economic and rural development committee, the military and
3 veterans' affairs committee and other committees; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Roch made his mark on other
5 issues and was the sponsor of a 2015 right-to-work bill that
6 passed the house of representatives but died in the senate;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, health issues were also at the forefront of
9 Representative Roch's advocacy, with his support of expanding
10 the services of dental therapists to address New Mexico's
11 oral health care crisis; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Roch has a well-deserved
13 reputation for being among the most knowledgeable about the
14 house rules and *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* and
15 has frequently been asked to preside over the house because
16 of his mastery of the process; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Roch is a Clovis native and
18 received a bachelor of arts degree in English from eastern
19 New Mexico university in 1994 and a master of arts degree in
20 English from George Mason university in 1997; and

21 WHEREAS, prior to becoming the superintendent of the
22 Logan municipal school district, Representative Roch was a
23 teacher and coach in the Texico municipal school district and
24 the assistant superintendent of the Tucumcari public school
25 district; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Roch was a staff assistant to
2 United States Senator Pete Domenici from 1995 to 1997 and a
3 field representative for United States Representative Bill
4 Redmond from 1997 to 1998; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Roch is married to Rochelle
6 Hodge, and the couple reside in Logan with their four
7 children; and

8 WHEREAS, while Representative Roch recognizes the time
9 commitment for serving as a state legislator, he has noted
10 the sacrifices made by the families of legislators as well;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that
13 Representative Dennis J. Roch be recognized and honored for
14 his dedication to the representation and well-being of the
15 people of New Mexico; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to Representative Dennis J. Roch. _____

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