A MEMORIAL

CELEBRATING THE LEAGUE OF UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS' SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

WHEREAS, seventy-eight years ago, the founders of the League of United Latin American Citizens, better known as "LULAC", joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States; and

WHEREAS, since its inception on February 17, 1929 in Corpus Christi, Texas, LULAC has championed the cause of Hispanic Americans in education, employment, economic development and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, LULAC has developed a comprehensive set of nationwide programs fostering educational attainment, job training, housing, scholarships, citizenship and voter registration; and

WHEREAS, LULAC members throughout the nation have developed a tremendous track record of success advancing the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, LULAC has adopted a legislative platform that

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promotes humanitarian relief for immigrants, increased educational opportunities for our youth and equal treatment for all Hispanics in the United States and its territories, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, this year, the League of United Latin American Citizens will celebrate seventy-eight years of community service to increase educational opportunities and improve the quality of life for Hispanic Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the week of February 11-17, 2007 be designated "National LULAC Week"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of New Mexico be asked to join the members of LULAC in observing the organization's seventy-eight years of service and the outstanding contributions LULAC has made to our country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the national president of LULAC and to the state director of New Mexico LULAC.

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