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HOUSE MEMORIAL 69

**50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE  
BE PROCLAIMED "THE MEMORIAL SESSION" IN THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES AND THAT EVERY SESSION AFTER "THE MEMORIAL  
SESSION" BE PROCLAIMED THE "MEMORIAL SESSION II", "MEMORIAL  
SESSION III", "MEMORIAL SESSION IV", ET CETERA, IF SUBSEQUENT  
LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS PRODUCE MORE MEMORIALS THAN THE PREVIOUS  
ONES.

WHEREAS, decades ago, the introduction of house memorials  
was a rare occurrence, carrying much significance and  
memorializing prestigious members of New Mexico communities;  
and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, the number of  
memorials introduced in the house of representatives has  
dramatically increased; and

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1           WHEREAS, in 1996, just seven house memorials were  
2 introduced; and

3           WHEREAS, in 2011, during the sixty-day session, there were  
4 eighty-two house memorials introduced; and

5           WHEREAS, in 2012, during the thirty-day session, there  
6 have been sixty-six, and counting, house memorials introduced;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, there are still five days remaining in the 2012  
9 session in which to introduce even more house memorials; and

10          WHEREAS, at this current rate, the house of  
11 representatives is on pace to introduce one hundred thirty-two  
12 memorials during the 2013 legislative session; and

13          WHEREAS, house memorials cost the taxpayers of New Mexico  
14 roughly thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per page for four hundred  
15 fifty pages; and

16          WHEREAS, the house of representatives has spent an average  
17 of two hours per day debating and passing memorials, at a cost  
18 to the taxpayers of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per  
19 day, not including printing expenses; and

20          WHEREAS, the people of New Mexico would be disappointed to  
21 know that their elected representatives are spending two hours  
22 per day debating memorials that carry no legal weight; and

23          WHEREAS, in the past, memorials were used to recognize  
24 significant people, while currently, house memorials are being  
25 used as a way to circumvent the legislative process; and

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