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HOUSE MEMORIAL 29

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING GEORGE R.R. MARTIN FOR SCREENING "THE INTERVIEW".

WHEREAS, George R.R. Martin, a resident of Santa Fe since 1979, is one of the city's most recognized residents; and

WHEREAS, George is best known as the author of "A Song of Ice and Fire", which is the basis for the popular television hit series, "Game of Thrones"; and

WHEREAS, George is a prolific writer, with literary forays into science fiction, fantasy and horror; and

WHEREAS, George has received several Nebula and Hugo awards for his writing, as well as a Bram Stoker award for his first novel, and has been a television screenwriter; and

WHEREAS, George is also a staunch supporter of the Santa Fe cultural scene, reopening the Jean Cocteau cinema as an alternative film and performing arts space in 2013; and

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1 WHEREAS, in addition to screening first-run, offbeat and
2 cutting-edge films, the Jean Cocteau cinema also hosts live
3 performances and interviews with authors, actors and
4 filmmakers; and

5 WHEREAS, in December 2014, Sony corporation pulled
6 distribution from major theaters of the film "The Interview", a
7 comedy about a plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong
8 Un; and

9 WHEREAS, Sony corporation withdrew the film in reaction to
10 terrorist threats that the United States government attributed
11 to North Korea; and

12 WHEREAS, George was one of the first independent film
13 houses to book "The Interview", with showings that began with
14 sold-out crowds on Christmas day; and

15 WHEREAS, on his online blog, George championed free
16 speech, decried censorship and praised other independent movie
17 theaters for having the courage to show "The Interview";

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that George R.R.
20 Martin be honored for screening "The Interview" when Sony
21 corporation withdrew distribution of the film; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that George R.R. Martin be
23 recognized for his passionate support of free speech; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to George R.R. Martin.

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