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HOUSE MEMORIAL 122

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

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING MARCH 9, 2015 "SANTA FE OPERA DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1957, the Santa Fe opera has won international acclaim for its artistic excellence and innovation, attracting audiences from all fifty states and numerous foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe opera is vital to the economy of New Mexico, providing an estimated two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) in revenue each year; and

WHEREAS, nearly five hundred thousand New Mexicans' lives were enriched by a broad range of programs given by the Santa Fe opera during the last decade; and

WHEREAS, of that number, thirty-three thousand people attended opera performances during the summer festival season;

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2 WHEREAS, in that same ten-year period, one hundred fifty
3 thousand schoolchildren and their families were introduced to
4 the opera by the annual spring tour that travels to all corners
5 of the state, more than forty thousand students were engaged in
6 writing and producing original operas at their schools, and
7 more than three hundred thousand students attended free public
8 programs; and

9 WHEREAS, every summer, thousands of Native American
10 children and their families attend performances at the opera;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe opera's renowned apprentice programs
13 for singers and technicians contributes to the training of more
14 than one hundred young professionals each year, and has done so
15 over the past fifty-eight years, providing opportunities for
16 four thousand five hundred young people to prepare for careers
17 in the arts;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that March 9, 2015
20 be declared "Santa Fe Opera Day" in the house of
21 representatives; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the director of the Santa Fe opera.

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