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SENATE MEMORIAL 99

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY TO STUDY THE
FEASABILITY OF CREATING A NEW MEXICO MUSIC MUSEUM IN LAS VEGAS,
NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, music is an invaluable aspect of the human
experience that connects societies and peoples together across
the ages; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long-standing musical tradition
that draws from New Mexico's rich heritage, being influenced by
Spanish, Mexican, country western, folk and many indigenous
cultures; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's musical composers and performers
tell unique stories through their music, which cannot be found
in or compared to those found in any other part of the world;
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1 WHEREAS, generations of musicians, who have been educated
2 in the field of music and who have developed many genres and
3 styles of music appreciated by New Mexicans, consider Las Vegas
4 home; and

5 WHEREAS, many performers and groups, such as Cascabel and
6 Sangre Joven, view Las Vegas as a nucleus of the New Mexico
7 music scene and hold Las Vegas in high regard by virtue of the
8 culture and the long-term support from fans in Las Vegas and
9 the surrounding areas; and

10 WHEREAS, Las Vegas has been home to many large and well-
11 received musical celebrations, such as the Fourth of July
12 fiestas, the Meadow City music festival and Fridays al fresco,
13 where many New Mexican artists perform and start or continue
14 their careers; and

15 WHEREAS, the music departments at New Mexico highlands
16 university, west Las Vegas schools and Las Vegas city schools
17 have prepared many musical artists to create, perform and teach
18 music for years to come, as well as to participate as members
19 in some of New Mexico's most famous musical groups; and

20 WHEREAS, the preservation of New Mexico music is essential
21 for generations to come, to maintain our communities and
22 strengthen the bonds that connect us all;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that Las Vegas be honored for its musical
25 heritage and that New Mexico highlands university be requested

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1 to study the feasibility of establishing a New Mexico music
2 museum in Las Vegas; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to New Mexico highlands university.

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