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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 6, 2018 "NEW MEXICO'S ANGELS ON EARTH DAY"  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, ordinary people acting as angels on earth walk  
among us, reflecting the best of human nature; and

WHEREAS, these angels on earth show selfless devotion to  
their neighbors and communities by honoring the dignity  
inherent in human nature; and

WHEREAS, these faithful guardians see the goodness in all  
people, including those who cannot see it in themselves; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque police officer Ryan Holets and his  
wife, Rebecca, are two angels on earth, and their extraordinary  
compassion has set an example for valuing and protecting the  
worth of every human life by adopting the baby of a pregnant  
woman who was struggling with heroin addiction; and

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1           WHEREAS, on September 23, 2017, after responding to a call  
2 at a convenience store, Officer Holets saw a couple nearby  
3 using heroin; and

4           WHEREAS, realizing the woman was pregnant, Officer Holets  
5 chose to focus on what he could do for the baby and the couple  
6 instead of simply arresting the couple on drug charges; and

7           WHEREAS, witnessing the woman's sincere concern for the  
8 health of her unborn child, Officer Holets and Rebecca offered  
9 to adopt the baby, appropriately named Hope, and they see the  
10 addition of Hope to their family as a blessing from God; and

11           WHEREAS, since the birth of baby Hope, Officer Holets has  
12 not forgotten his concern for her biological parents and has  
13 worked tirelessly to connect them with the treatment services  
14 they need to overcome their addictions, regain their health and  
15 begin their journey toward recovery; and

16           WHEREAS, as a six-year veteran of the Albuquerque police  
17 department, Officer Holets often sees the worst of humanity,  
18 and, instead of becoming hardened or cynical, he expressed the  
19 best of humanity by responding to the woman's plea for help for  
20 her unborn child; and

21           WHEREAS, Officer Holets has been called "my personal angel  
22 on earth" by baby Hope's biological mother; and

23           WHEREAS, Officer Holets hopes that his actions have put a  
24 face on drug addiction and adoption and will inspire others to  
25 support drug treatment centers and adoption organizations; and

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