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HOUSE MEMORIAL 108

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

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE HISPANIC HERITAGE COMMITTEE FOR ITS
COLLABORATION EFFORTS IN PROMOTING GREATER AWARENESS,
APPRECIATION AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION OF NEW MEXICO MUSIC AND
MARIACHI MUSIC IN NEW MEXICO FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

WHEREAS, New Mexico music stretches back centuries, with
roots in thirteenth century pueblo music, and incorporates
ranchera, Navajo, country and western folk styles; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico music is a unique musical genre,
recognized for its up-tempo rhythms, ranchera polka, bolero
rhythms and distinctive vocals; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico music has been influenced by many
legendary New Mexican artists, such as Al Hurricane, Al
Hurricane, Jr., Tobias Rene, the blue ventures band, Gonzalo,
Sparx, Lorenzo Antonio and Darren Cordova; and

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1 WHEREAS, mariachi music has New Mexico's historical
2 influence and instills pride in cultural heritage; and

3 WHEREAS, mariachi music is historically known as "*la*
4 *musica de la gente*", or music of the people, the common folk,
5 with musical ballads that describe an array of human emotions,
6 including feelings of nostalgia that bring communities together
7 to celebrate life while connecting to the rich traditions of
8 the past; and

9 WHEREAS, the Hispanic heritage committee has identified
10 the decline in popularity of both New Mexico music and mariachi
11 music in New Mexico;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the Hispanic
14 heritage committee be recognized for its collaboration efforts
15 in promoting greater awareness, appreciation and cultural
16 preservation of New Mexico music and mariachi music in New
17 Mexico for future generations; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hispanic heritage
19 committee be encouraged to establish a New Mexico arts and
20 heritage task force to identify steps to promote and sustain
21 New Mexico music, mariachi music and film, dance and other arts
22 related to Hispanic heritage to preserve a rich part of New
23 Mexico's historical traditions and culture for generations to
24 come; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

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transmitted to the Hispanic heritage committee.