SENATE MEMORIAL 13

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE POSTMASTER GENERAL

TO SUPPORT THE ISSUANCE OF A POSTAGE STAMP COMMEMORATING THE

FIFTIETH ALBUQUERQUE INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FIESTA.

WHEREAS, in 1972, the Albuquerque international balloon

fiesta began with participation of thirteen hot air balloons;

and

WHEREAS, over the years, the Albuquerque international

balloon fiesta has grown into the world's largest hot air

ballooning event, hosting as many as one thousand balloons; and

WHEREAS, for nine days starting the first Saturday of

October, pilots, crews and spectators from all over the world

attend the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of balloons lift off at dawn each

morning of the balloon fiesta and tethered balloons glow in the

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1 evenings as propane burners inflate the balloons against a dark

2 sky; and

3 WHEREAS, the event has been visited by millions of people

4 since the balloon fiesta's inception and is said to be the

5 world's most photographed event; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2021, the fiftieth Albuquerque international

7 balloon fiesta will be held; and

8 WHEREAS, visitors and aficionados collect memorabilia

9 representing the Albuquerque international balloon fiesta; and

10 WHEREAS, a postage stamp commemorating the fiftieth annual

11 Albuquerque international balloon fiesta would be a treasured

12 remembrance of the event; and

13 WHEREAS, the citizens' stamp advisory committee is charged

14 with reviewing subjects for commemorative stamps and for

15 recommending new subjects for commemorative stamps to the

16 United States postal service postmaster general for

17 determination;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

19 OF NEW MEXICO that the United States postal service postmaster

20 general be encouraged to support the issuance of a postage

21 stamp commemorating the fiftieth Albuquerque international

22 balloon fiesta; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

24 transmitted to the citizens' stamp advisory committee of the

25 United States postal service and the board of directors of the

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Albuquerque international balloon fiesta.

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