

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE AMAZING TALENT OF CHEVEL SHEPHERD, WINNER OF
3 *THE VOICE* SINGING COMPETITION.

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5 WHEREAS, Chevel Shepherd is a sixteen-year-old resident
6 of Farmington who was catapulted to fame when she earned the
7 crowning title on *The Voice*, a singing competition television
8 series; and

9 WHEREAS, Chevel was a member of Kelly Clarkson's team
10 and was announced the winner of season fifteen of *The Voice*
11 on December 18, 2018; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2018, Chevel entered the fifteenth season of
13 *The Voice* and in her blind audition sang "If I Die Young" by
14 the Band Perry; and

15 WHEREAS, Kelly Clarkson, Jennifer Hudson and Blake
16 Shelton gave their enthusiastic approval of Chevel's
17 performance, and Chevel chose to be a part of team Kelly; and

18 WHEREAS, Chevel made it to the finale and won the
19 competition; and

20 WHEREAS, as a teenager, Chevel constantly impresses
21 people with her powerful voice, given her age and her petite
22 four-foot ten-inch stature; and

23 WHEREAS, Chevel was raised on country music and the
24 outdoors, often doing crafts, feeding the animals and fixing
25 up cars with her dad; and

1 WHEREAS, since Chevel was eight, she has been singing
2 wherever she can; and

3 WHEREAS, Chevel first learned to yodel from her father
4 when she was eleven years of age, and fell in love with it;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Chevel sang LeAnn Rimes' hit "Blue" during the
7 semifinals and dedicated the performance to her grandfather,
8 who was sitting in the audience; and

9 WHEREAS, when Chevel performed Loretta Lynn's song
10 "You're Lookin' at Country" during the live top ten
11 performances, she got feedback on her facebook page from
12 Loretta Lynn herself, who wrote, "Loved it, honey!"; and

13 WHEREAS, through her choices in music, Chevel has
14 confirmed that she considers herself "an old soul"; and

15 WHEREAS, Chevel loves the sound of older country music,
16 from the storytelling to all of the instruments and the
17 musicality of it; and

18 WHEREAS, Chevel is doing something different from modern
19 country music and would like to bring back old country music
20 and yodeling;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Chevel Shepherd be recognized for
23 her amazing singing talent; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chevel Shepherd be
25 congratulated for winning *The Voice* singing competition; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to Chevel Shepherd. _____

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