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HOUSE MEMORIAL 62

**54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING NEW MEXICO'S DAUGHTER AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADER  
DOLORES HUERTA AND DECLARING FEBRUARY 27, 2019 "DOLORES HUERTA  
DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, las mujeres, incorporated, the south valley and  
Barelas neighbors, neighborhood associations, coalitions and  
numerous south valley businesses, residents and leaders are  
joining together to honor one of New Mexico's daughters, civil  
rights activist Dolores Huerta, with a street that bears her  
name; and

WHEREAS, avenida Dolores Huerta will connect with avenida  
Cesar Chavez, making it the only street in the nation to join  
these two civil rights leaders, while making history and  
attracting positive attention to the Dolores Huerta community,  
state and nation; and

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1           WHEREAS, it is appropriate that these two leaders who  
2 worked side by side for equality should be honored with  
3 connecting avenues; and

4           WHEREAS, "avenue" by definition means a course of action  
5 to be taken in order to approach, attain or gain access to  
6 somebody or something; and

7           WHEREAS, the definition of avenue exemplifies the life's  
8 work of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez, who worked tirelessly  
9 to gain basic human rights for the disenfranchised; and

10          WHEREAS, as a farm laborer's daughter, Dolores Huerta  
11 witnessed the brutal conditions under which her father,  
12 brothers and nearly everyone she knew were forced to labor; and

13          WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta's own experiences of  
14 discrimination and her innate sense of justice and a desire to  
15 help others led her to join forces with Cesar Chavez; and

16          WHEREAS, together, through nonviolent protest and a  
17 nationally and internationally successful grape strike, they  
18 changed the way people who were striking were treated; and

19          WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta worked to improve social and  
20 economic conditions for farm workers and to fight  
21 discrimination; and

22          WHEREAS, to further her cause, Dolores Huerta created the  
23 agricultural workers association in 1960 and co-founded what  
24 would become the united farm workers; and

25          WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta set up voter registration drives

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1 and lobbied politicians to allow non-United States citizen  
2 migrant workers to receive public assistance and pensions and  
3 to provide Spanish-language voting ballots and driver's tests;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta, a skilled community organizer,  
6 traveled from poverty to political victory and became the  
7 second Mexican-American woman in history to be honored with the  
8 presidential medal of freedom; and

9 WHEREAS, her namesake, the Dolores Huerta foundation,  
10 brings organizing and training skills to low-income communities  
11 by engaging and developing natural leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, Dolores Huerta embodies the values of family,  
13 community and land; and

14 WHEREAS, the naming of avenida Dolores Huerta is a unique  
15 opportunity to showcase the contributions she has made to her  
16 community, state and country;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Dolores Huerta  
19 be honored for her fierce and tireless activism to gain basic  
20 human rights for the poor and disenfranchised; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that February 27, 2019 be  
22 designated "Dolores Huerta Day" in the house of  
23 representatives; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
25 transmitted to Dolores Huerta, the mayor of Albuquerque, the

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1 Bernalillo county board of county commissioners and the city of  
2 Albuquerque city councilors.

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