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SENATE MEMORIAL 52

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

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Kelly Clarkson, Jennifer Hudson and Blake Shelton gave their enthusiastic approval of Chevel's performance, and

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1 Chevel chose to be a part of team Kelly; and

2 WHEREAS, Chevel made it to the finale and won the  
3 competition; and

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

7 WHEREAS, Chevel was raised on country music and the  
8 outdoors, often doing crafts, feeding the animals and fixing up  
9 cars with her dad; and

10 WHEREAS, since Chevel was eight, she has been singing  
11 wherever she can; and

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Chevel loves the sound of older country music,  
24 from the storytelling to all of the instruments and the  
25 musicality of it; and

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

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

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

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