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HOUSE MEMORIAL 1

54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2020

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT AND
CENTENNIAL OF THE ADOPTION OF THE NINETEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

WHEREAS, organized and sustained efforts to win the vote
for women in the United States began in 1848 in Seneca Falls,
New York; and

WHEREAS, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and
Carrie Chapman Catt of the national American woman suffrage
association advocated for women's voting rights nationally; and

WHEREAS, a New Mexico campaign for women's suffrage began
in the 1890s in Santa Fe and Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, the initial New Mexico women's suffrage efforts
were further organized in Las Cruces in 1910 and became a
structured effort by women in seventeen communities; and

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1 WHEREAS, many New Mexican women, including Laura E.
2 Frenger, Nina Otero Warren, Deane Lindsey, Ina Sizer Cassidy,
3 Aurora Lucero and Julia Asplund, fought tirelessly for women's
4 right to vote in local, state and national elections; and

5 WHEREAS, the nineteenth amendment to the United States
6 constitution, prohibiting exclusion of women from voting,
7 stalled in congress for forty-one years before passing in 1919;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Governor Octaviano A. Larrazolo called a special
10 session of the legislature, and on February 21, 1920, New
11 Mexico became the thirty-second state to ratify the nineteenth
12 amendment; and

13 WHEREAS, on August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the thirty-
14 sixth state to ratify the nineteenth amendment, at which point
15 three-fourths of the states had ratified the amendment; and

16 WHEREAS, on August 26, 1920, the nineteenth amendment was
17 certified by the United States secretary of state and became a
18 part of the United States constitution; and

19 WHEREAS, through the nineteenth amendment, millions of
20 women have made and continue to make enormous contributions to
21 the civic and political life of the United States through their
22 vote; and

23 WHEREAS, honoring the strides of the suffrage movement
24 serves as a reminder of the power that all yield through
25 voting;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the suffrage
movement and the centennial anniversary of the adoption of the
nineteenth amendment to the United States constitution be
recognized and celebrated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to Hannah Burling, president of the league of women
voters of New Mexico.