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HOUSE MEMORIAL 43

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

PRESENTING THE SPEAKER'S GAVEL.

WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel is the symbol of the office of the speaker of the house of representatives; and

WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel, made in collaboration and crafted by hand by master craftsmen Douglas Magnus and Dylan Weller, is a gift to the New Mexico House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Magnus and Dylan Weller have honed their woodworking craft in New Mexico for decades; and

WHEREAS, Douglas Magnus has spent the last forty years discovering and mastering the unique materials that New Mexico has to offer, exhibiting collections of his work widely throughout the state and country; and

WHEREAS, Dylan Weller, a third-generation woodworker, has

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1 completed extensive custom work, notably for SITE Santa Fe, and
2 has dedicated time mentoring others at the woodworking club
3 at St. John's college; and

4 WHEREAS, made in Santa Fe using traditional woodworking
5 and silversmithing techniques, the speaker's gavel reflects the
6 artistry and creativity for which New Mexico's artisans are
7 known; and

8 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel is constructed of walnut, a
9 wood known for its toughness and a symbol of intelligence,
10 wisdom and knowledge; and

11 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel is embedded with turquoise
12 mined from the famous Tiffany and Castillian mines of
13 Cerrillos, New Mexico, and is embellished with a sterling
14 silver zia at its head; and

15 WHEREAS, designed to reflect the self-reliant spirit of
16 all New Mexicans, the speaker's gavel symbolizes the hard work
17 and tenacity that have shaped New Mexico; and

18 WHEREAS, in that same spirit, the speaker's gavel unites
19 all New Mexicans in the spirit of the state's constitution; and

20 WHEREAS, the speaker's gavel shall remain in the people's
21 house for future legislatures;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the speaker's
24 gavel be presented to the New Mexico House of Representatives;
25 and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Douglas Magnus and Dylan Weller.

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