

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE KAREN C. BASH AND RECOGNIZING HER  
3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, Representative Karen C. Bash, a Democrat, was  
6 elected to the house of representatives in 2018 to represent  
7 district 68 in Bernalillo county, served her first term in  
8 2019 and will have served four years by the end of 2022; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Bash is the vice chair of the  
10 house health and human services committee and is a member of  
11 the house labor, veterans' and military affairs committee;  
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13 WHEREAS, Representative Bash is a member of the courts,  
14 corrections and justice committee and is an advisory member  
15 of the legislative health and human services committee during  
16 the interim; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Bash graduated with a bachelor  
18 of arts degree in sociology and anthropology from Phillips  
19 university, which she attended from 1964 to 1970; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Bash earned a master's degree in  
21 education and teaching of individuals in secondary special  
22 education programs at Lamar university in Beaumont, Texas,  
23 which she attended from 1979 to 1981; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Bash learned her lifelong values  
25 and faith from her parents and was called to the ministry,

1 earning a master of divinity degree from the university of  
2 Dubuque theological seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, which she  
3 attended from 1985 to 1988; and

4 WHEREAS, after graduating, Representative Bash was  
5 called to be a pastor of several Iowa congregations; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Bash taught in an early  
7 childhood home visitation program focused on infants at risk  
8 for developmental delays and those infants' parents; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Bash and her husband, Allan,  
10 moved to Albuquerque in 2011 and ran a small business; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Bash served as a moderator of  
12 the congregational council from 2014 to 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Bash served the greater  
14 Albuquerque community as a member of the rotary club of  
15 Albuquerque Sandia, and she is a Paul Harris fellow; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Bash has volunteered at the  
17 roadrunner food bank, the Rio Grande food project and several  
18 homeless projects and assisted living homes; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Bash also received an honored  
20 ministry award from her congregation in Shenandoah, Iowa; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Bash and her husband have raised  
22 two children, Keenan and Kerrie; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Bash credits her family and  
24 diverse career path for guiding her policy priorities in the  
25 legislature, which include child well-being, early childhood

1 education, food insecurity and the expansion of access to  
2 health care and health education;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that  
5 Representative Karen C. Bash be recognized for living her  
6 faith and her advocacy for the well-being of children; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
8 transmitted to Representative Karen C. Bash. \_\_\_\_\_

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