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HOUSE MEMORIAL 42

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING DAVID LEE UBINGER, RECIPIENT OF THE 2020 GOLDEN
APPLE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD.

WHEREAS, David Lee Ubinger, a mathematics teacher at
Chaparral high school in the Gadsden independent school
district, is the recipient of a 2020 golden apple excellence in
teaching award; and

WHEREAS, David has been teaching at Chaparral high school,
near El Paso, since the school's opening in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the golden apple foundation of New Mexico names
up to seven teachers each year from across New Mexico for the
golden apple excellence in teaching award; and

WHEREAS, those who are recognized are representative of
the talented teachers in New Mexico classrooms who inspire
students to new heights of learning; and

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1 WHEREAS, David actively seeks out new resources and has
2 created a learning environment for his students that is
3 engaging and authentic; and

4 WHEREAS, David was inspired to begin a teaching career
5 while he was studying civil engineering at the university of
6 Texas at El Paso; and

7 WHEREAS, while teaching in a summer program, David began
8 to hear students talking about "not being good at math"; and

9 WHEREAS, David wanted to challenge the notion that skill
10 in mathematics and sciences is for a certain type of student or
11 that being good at mathematics is genetic; and

12 WHEREAS, David wanted to reinforce through his teaching
13 that every student can, at the very least, learn, if not excel,
14 in mathematics, science, health and engineering; and

15 WHEREAS, David eventually changed his major and earned a
16 scholarship from the national aeronautics and space
17 administration to teach mathematics; and

18 WHEREAS, according to David: "One of the funniest things
19 I have found challenging is whether a student thinks that they
20 have a high ability or low ability, they all have the
21 opportunity to learn. I kind of embrace that challenge.";

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition be
24 extended to Chaparral high school mathematics teacher David Lee
25 Ubinger, recipient of the 2020 golden apple excellence in

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1 teaching award; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
3 transmitted to David Lee Ubinger.

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