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HOUSE MEMORIAL 59

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

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A MEMORIAL

HONORING REPRESENTATIVE DAYMON ELY AND RECOGNIZING HIS
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, Representative Daymon Ely, a Democrat, represents
district 23, which covers Bernalillo and Sandoval counties; and

WHEREAS, this is Representative Ely's third term in
office, having been first elected in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ely is a member of the house
judiciary committee, house rules and order of business
committee and house government, elections and Indian affairs
committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ely is the co-chair of the interim
legislative ethics committee and a member of the New Mexico
legislative council; and

WHEREAS, Representative Ely also served as the house

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1 parliamentary from 2017 to 2021; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Ely is a former Sandoval county
3 commissioner, serving from 2000 to 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Ely was born in Philadelphia,
5 Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1957 but soon after moved to
6 Phoenix, Arizona, where he grew up; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Ely was raised by his parents,
8 Herb, a former chairman of the Arizona Democratic party and a
9 practicing civil rights attorney, and E-Layn, a homemaker who
10 dedicated her life to provide for the family; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Ely's progressive roots stem from
12 his parents who taught him at an early age that every person
13 has a voice and that no one person deserves more than another;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Ely received his bachelor of arts
16 degree in history from Arizona state university in 1979, where
17 he graduated with honors, followed by his juris doctorate from
18 the same institution in 1982; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Ely chose to follow his father's
20 footsteps in practicing law because he saw how important the
21 law can be in the lives of those who most need help; and

22 WHEREAS, having been a lawyer for thirty-four years and
23 still practicing today, Representative Ely has focused his
24 career on holding negligent attorneys accountable for their
25 actions; and

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1 WHEREAS, as a trial attorney, Representative Ely has
2 worked on cases to ensure justice for those who need a voice;
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4 WHEREAS, Representative Ely's parliamentary wit is evident
5 from his adoption of the phrase "often wrong, never in doubt",
6 and he loves being in the midst of legislative action; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Ely can always be relied on to
8 bring laughter to challenging situations and joy to otherwise
9 dark moments; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Ely enjoys unraveling complex
11 problems and in doing so, learning from those around him; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Ely believes deeply in developing
13 policy to improve the lives of New Mexicans and, because of
14 that belief, always stands resolutely on his principles; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Ely is proud to leave legislating
16 in the hands of trusted colleagues and looks forward to
17 focusing on his highest priority, being a husband and father;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Ely's fondest memories of his
20 legislative career are working with his legislative colleagues;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Representative
23 Daymon Ely be recognized for his outstanding public service to
24 the residents of New Mexico and his strong advocacy for the
25 law; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Representative Daymon Ely.

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