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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
HONORING THEIR LOSS AND SUFFERING.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has one of the highest violent crime
rates in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Albuquerque ranks in the top ten most violent
United States cities with a population over one hundred
thousand; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the homicide rate for Albuquerque was at
its lowest, with only thirty homicides occurring that year; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the homicide rate for Albuquerque
increased by forty-six percent with one hundred fourteen
homicides; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there were one hundred twenty-one
homicides in Albuquerque, the highest on record since the

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1 previous year; and

2 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime feel frustrated by the
3 high number of repeat offenders; and

4 WHEREAS, the high number of repeat violent offenders
5 causes victims, their family members and the public to feel
6 unsafe; and

7 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime and their family members
8 face trauma, hardships and grief; and

9 WHEREAS, reparations to crime victims are insufficient to
10 compensate victims for their comprehensive losses; and

11 WHEREAS, victims of violent crime deserve honor and access
12 to resources;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that victims of
15 violent crime and their families be honored and recognized for
16 their loss and suffering; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the chair of the crime victims reparation
19 commission.