

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING JANUARY 31, 2024 "DEMING LUNA COUNTY SILVER SPIKES
3 DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, in the mid-1970s, several business people from
6 the city of Deming and Luna county formed a local nonpartisan
7 group to greet prospective new businesses and industries and
8 visiting dignitaries; and

9 WHEREAS, the small rural community area benefited from
10 the opportunities provided by the organization; and

11 WHEREAS, the name "silver spikes" comes from the
12 ceremony held when, in March 1881, a silver spike was driven
13 into the railroad at Deming to mark the completion of the
14 second transcontinental railroad, which united the Santa Fe
15 and Southern Pacific railroads; and

16 WHEREAS, with the completion of the railroad, Deming and
17 Luna county began to experience growth; and

18 WHEREAS, Deming has always been known for its
19 hospitality, beginning with its famous Harvey house
20 restaurant and Harvey girls, making Deming a must-stop for
21 rail travelers; and

22 WHEREAS, the Harvey girls were Deming's predecessors to
23 the Deming Luna county silver spikes; and

24 WHEREAS, the Deming Luna county silver spikes members
25 were called upon to greet new members of the community; and

1 WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the community leaders realized
2 the Deming Luna county silver spikes could serve a valuable
3 role by visiting Santa Fe each year during the legislative
4 session and meeting with the governor and select department
5 officials to discuss the area's local needs; and

6 WHEREAS, also during the 1980s, the benefit of bringing
7 together elected officials and administrators of Deming, the
8 village of Columbus and Luna county school districts to
9 express their needs was recognized; and

10 WHEREAS, during the legislative session, a large
11 reception is held one evening for invited guests; and

12 WHEREAS, the Deming Luna county silver spikes have
13 provided a valuable venue to promote the needs of the area
14 and assist with the creation of new businesses and
15 industries;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that January 31,
18 2024 be declared "Deming Luna County Silver Spikes Day" in
19 the house of representatives; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the Deming Luna county silver spikes. _____

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