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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING JANUARY 21, 2026 "MEXICO-NEW MEXICO ADVOCACY DAY" IN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CELEBRATION OF THE STRONG
PARTNERSHIP AND SHARED INTERESTS IN CULTURE, THE ARTS AND
ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BETWEEN MEXICO AND NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, New Mexico shares with Mexico not only a border
but profound values and strong economic, cultural and social
ties; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, New Mexico was the state with the
highest percentage of Hispanic or Latino population at
approximately forty-eight percent; in 2022, New Mexico had the
highest share of eligible Latino voters at forty-five percent;
and in 2020, the New Mexico legislature had the highest
percentage of Hispanic or Latino representation of all
legislatures in the nation at thirty-five percent; and

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1 WHEREAS, the influence of Mexican heritage in New Mexico
2 is one of the richest and most profound in the United States
3 and has played an important role in the culture, the arts, the
4 gastronomy and the quotidian life of New Mexicans; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2024, Mexico was New Mexico's number one
6 trading partner, as New Mexico exported seven billion dollars
7 (\$7,000,000,000) in goods to Mexico, representing approximately
8 fifty-eight percent of New Mexico's total goods exports; and

9 WHEREAS, trade with Mexico supports more than five million
10 jobs in the United States and nearly thirty thousand jobs in
11 New Mexico; and

12 WHEREAS, the Santa Teresa border is one of the top
13 commercial ports between Mexico and New Mexico, reaching more
14 than thirty-one billion dollars (\$31,000,000,000) in trade
15 annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Mexican and Mexican-origin nationals living in
17 New Mexico contribute to the economy, the culture and the
18 society by innovating, starting businesses, creating cultural
19 expressions and promoting economic competition while
20 continuously improving the societies in New Mexico and Mexico;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque offers
23 a hotline that operates twenty-four hours per day, seven days
24 per week for assistance to Mexican nationals in New Mexico and
25 coordinates various efforts directed to the statewide immigrant

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1 community; and

2 WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque
3 constitutes a major partner for local entities wanting to
4 connect to Mexico, such as chambers of commerce, businesses,
5 government and other key stakeholders; and

6 WHEREAS, the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque
7 maintains daily communication with law enforcement agencies in
8 New Mexico, collaborates significantly in several programs
9 intended to combat sex and labor trafficking of persons and
10 supports other programs aimed at combating domestic violence
11 and other crimes to create safer communities; and

12 WHEREAS, as an acknowledgment of the importance of the
13 Mexico-New Mexico relationship, the house of representatives
14 and the Mexican consulate based in Albuquerque recognize the
15 importance of establishing a forum where political, business
16 and academic actors from both governments may highlight topics
17 of interest in the bilateral relationship and present
18 recommendations for public policy development; and

19 WHEREAS, topics of discussion for such a forum may include
20 issues impacting the Mexico-New Mexico region, from education
21 and public health to cross-border development; and

22 WHEREAS, the flow of goods and people across the border is
23 critical to the state's success, and discussions that improve
24 bilateral cooperation will bolster economic growth and
25 prosperity;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of
3 representatives express support for the establishment of
4 Mexico-New Mexico Advocacy Day; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that January 21, 2026 be declared
6 "Mexico-New Mexico Advocacy Day" in the house of
7 representatives in celebration of the critical partnership and
8 shared interests in culture, the arts and economic prosperity
9 between Mexico and New Mexico; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the house of representatives
11 recognize that January 21, 2026 is the inaugural celebration of
12 Mexico-New Mexico Advocacy Day and hope this commemorative day
13 will become an annual event; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the Mexican consulate in Albuquerque, the
16 governor and the speaker of the house of representatives.

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