

A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 7, 2006 HERMANITAS DAY AT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, Mana de Albuquerque, a national Latina organization, is dedicated to the empowerment and advancement of Hispanas/Latinas in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is an organization of women who advocate Hispana leadership and fairness and equality in education, housing, health care, employment, human rights and cultural issues for all, especially as they relate to Latinas everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the hermanitas leadership program is a Mana de Albuquerque program dedicated to fostering leadership and positive life skills in middle- and high-school-age Latinas; and

WHEREAS, hermanitas are mentored by Mana members and others who serve as role models and mentors to a community of young Latinas preparing for the future; and

WHEREAS, hermanitas serve as role models in their schools and as leaders addressing issues such as building positive relationships, dating violence, health and nutrition, political advocacy, college preparation, cultural sensitivity, cooperation and collaboration and a variety of other school and community issues; and

WHEREAS, hermanitas participate in leadership training by Hispana community leaders and a variety of workshops addressing college and life preparation; and

WHEREAS, hermanitas participate in mentoring elementary Latinas in their communities; and

WHEREAS, hermanitas participate each year in the "annual Hispano roundtable tribute to Hispano legislators" event;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 7, 2006 be declared "Hermanitas Day" at the house of representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the president of Mana de Albuquerque.