

1 A MEMORIAL

2 CONGRATULATING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ON ITS NINETIETH  
3 BIRTHDAY AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 26, 2010 "LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
4 VOTERS DAY" IN THE NEW MEXICO SENATE.

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6 WHEREAS, the league of women voters was founded on  
7 February 14, 1920 by Carrie Chapman Catt just six months  
8 before the nineteenth amendment to the United States  
9 constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the league of women voters began as a "mighty  
12 political experiment" designed to help twenty million women  
13 carry out their new responsibilities as voters; and

14 WHEREAS, August 26, 2010 will mark the ninetieth  
15 anniversary of women's suffrage in the nation; and

16 WHEREAS, sixty years ago, in October 1949, the league of  
17 women voters of New Mexico was formed; and

18 WHEREAS, since that time, the league of women voters of  
19 New Mexico has been an active partner in the league of women  
20 voters of the United States and is proud to have New Mexico  
21 resident Mary Wilson currently serving as president of that  
22 league; and

23 WHEREAS, the league of women voters has encouraged  
24 millions of women to carry out their responsibilities as  
25 voters by conducting candidate forums and by publishing voter

1 guides that allow candidates for public office to present  
2 their views in a nonpartisan environment; and

3 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to  
4 research and study current issues from all sides in order to  
5 build consensus within the league and to assist Americans and  
6 New Mexicans to be informed by presenting information on  
7 issues of vital concern to the public; and

8 WHEREAS, the league of women voters has further helped  
9 its members to engage in nonpartisan political action to  
10 shape public policy in agreement with its adopted positions;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the league of women voters continues to  
13 advocate for responsible and responsive government at all  
14 levels and for the general welfare of the residents of New  
15 Mexico and the nation;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the league of women voters be  
18 congratulated on its ninetieth birthday and that  
19 January 26, 2010 be proclaimed "League of Women Voters Day"  
20 in the senate; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to Mary Wilson, president of the league of women  
23 voters of the United States, and to Katherine Campbell,  
24 president of the league of women voters of New Mexico. \_\_\_\_\_