

A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON
THE PASSING OF ADELINA "LENA" OCHOA.

WHEREAS, Adelina "Lena" Ochoa passed away on August 25,
2010 in Santa Fe after a valiant battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Lena, who proudly called herself a coal miner's
daughter, was born in Madrid, New Mexico, the oldest of the
six children of Juan and Sadie Ochoa; and

WHEREAS, she retired from employment with the state of
New Mexico after thirty years of service, which included
working at the legislature as the secretary for House Majority
Whip Sheryl Williams Stapleton; and

WHEREAS, although she loved working for the legislature,
family was Lena's top priority, and she missed one legislative
session to help care for her special needs sister, Annabelle;
and

WHEREAS, she had a special sparkle when she talked about
her family, especially her nephews, whom she would escort
through the capitol when they came to visit, introducing them
to everyone; and

WHEREAS, she was a strong supporter of workers and
unions and stood staunchly with her fellow employees in state
government; and

WHEREAS, she was an active auxiliary member of the

veterans of foreign wars and the American legion; and

WHEREAS, she was always smiling and had many friends, and it was a joy to watch her welcome each friend with a special story; and

WHEREAS, Lena loved to cook for family and friends and had many hobbies, including her favorite, which was oil painting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that heartfelt condolences be extended to the family and friends of Adelina "Lena" Ochoa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the family of Adelina "Lena" Ochoa, a loving and devoted New Mexican.