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HOUSE MEMORIAL 69

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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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;

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

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

9 WHEREAS, she was an active auxiliary member of the
10 veterans of foreign wars and the American legion; and

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

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

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

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