

A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE RAMON HUERTA FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS,
DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, former Representative Ramon Huerta died in
Albuquerque on October 28, 2013 at the age of eighty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta was born in Kansas City,
Kansas, but was raised in east San Jose, Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Albuquerque high school in
1943, Representative Huerta entered the service as a radar
technician in the United States 29th Army air corps, and he
was a World War II veteran, having been stationed from 1943 to
1946 in Burma, China and India; and

WHEREAS, after leaving the military, Representative
Huerta dedicated his life to education, attending the
university of New Mexico, where he earned a bachelor of arts
degree in 1950 and a master of arts degree with honors in
1956; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta began his career as an
educator teaching Spanish at Highland high school in
Albuquerque from 1955 to 1985, and also taught Spanish on
television for Albuquerque public schools and at the Peace
Corps training center at the university of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta served as president of
the Albuquerque classroom teachers' association of the New

Mexico association of classroom teachers, in addition to serving on the executive committee of the national education association in Washington, D.C., and as a delegate to the world conference of teachers in 1973, in Nairobi, Kenya; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Representative Huerta was awarded the distinguished Zia award, which honors New Mexico residents and university of New Mexico alumni who have contributed to philanthropic endeavors, acknowledging his dedication and service to his students and community; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta may have left the classroom behind, but never his passion for education, while he pursued public service in the house of representatives from 1988 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta served on six legislative committees, including the legislative education study committee, the house education committee and the house consumer and public affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta was selected by his colleagues in the house to serve as the democratic caucus chair from 1991 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta forever left his mark on education in New Mexico with his signature piece of legislation, House Bill 17 (1993), which promoted education reform and included provisions for school nurses; and

WHEREAS, Representative Huerta is survived by his wife

of fifty-seven years, Evelyn; his daughters, Lisa and Shila;
nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Representative
Ramon Huerta be recognized for his outstanding service to the
state of New Mexico and that condolences be expressed to his
family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
transmitted to the family of Representative Ramon Huerta.