

1 A MEMORIAL

2 HONORING REPRESENTATIVE NORA ESPINOZA AND RECOGNIZING HER
3 OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO NEW MEXICO.

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5 WHEREAS, after five terms of dedicated public service,
6 Representative Nora Espinoza will be retiring from
7 legislative service at the end of her term; and

8 WHEREAS, since 2007, Representative Espinoza, a
9 Republican party member, has represented district 59, which
10 covers Chaves and Lincoln counties; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza is the chairwoman of
12 the house education committee and a member of the house
13 regulatory and public affairs committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has a twenty-three-year
15 career as a teacher and an administrator, which informs her
16 positions on education legislation; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has been a staunch
18 supporter of legislation advancing third-grade reading
19 standards and retention; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has stated that she is
21 a strong believer that children must master in the minors of
22 reading, writing and mathematics; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza has also served as the
24 chair of the Chaves county Republican party and as president
25 of the Chaves county federated Republican women; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza was born and raised in
2 Panama City, Panama; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza is an enthusiastic
4 tennis player and was an Olympic swimmer for Panama City,
5 Panama; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2003, Representative Espinoza earned a
7 bachelor of arts degree in religious education from new
8 covenant international university; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza began her career as a
10 teacher and a school administrator in private Christian
11 schools before working as the protocol liaison and cadet
12 services coordinator for the New Mexico military institute in
13 Roswell; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza is married to Sonny
15 Espinoza, whom she met in Panama City, dated once and then
16 conducted a courtship by mail for six months before their
17 marriage; and

18 WHEREAS, Representative Espinoza's striking presence at
19 the state capitol, wearing a stylish collection of hats, will
20 be missed;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that
23 Representative Nora Espinoza be recognized and honored for
24 her dedication to the representation and well-being of the
25 people of New Mexico; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to Representative Nora Espinoza.